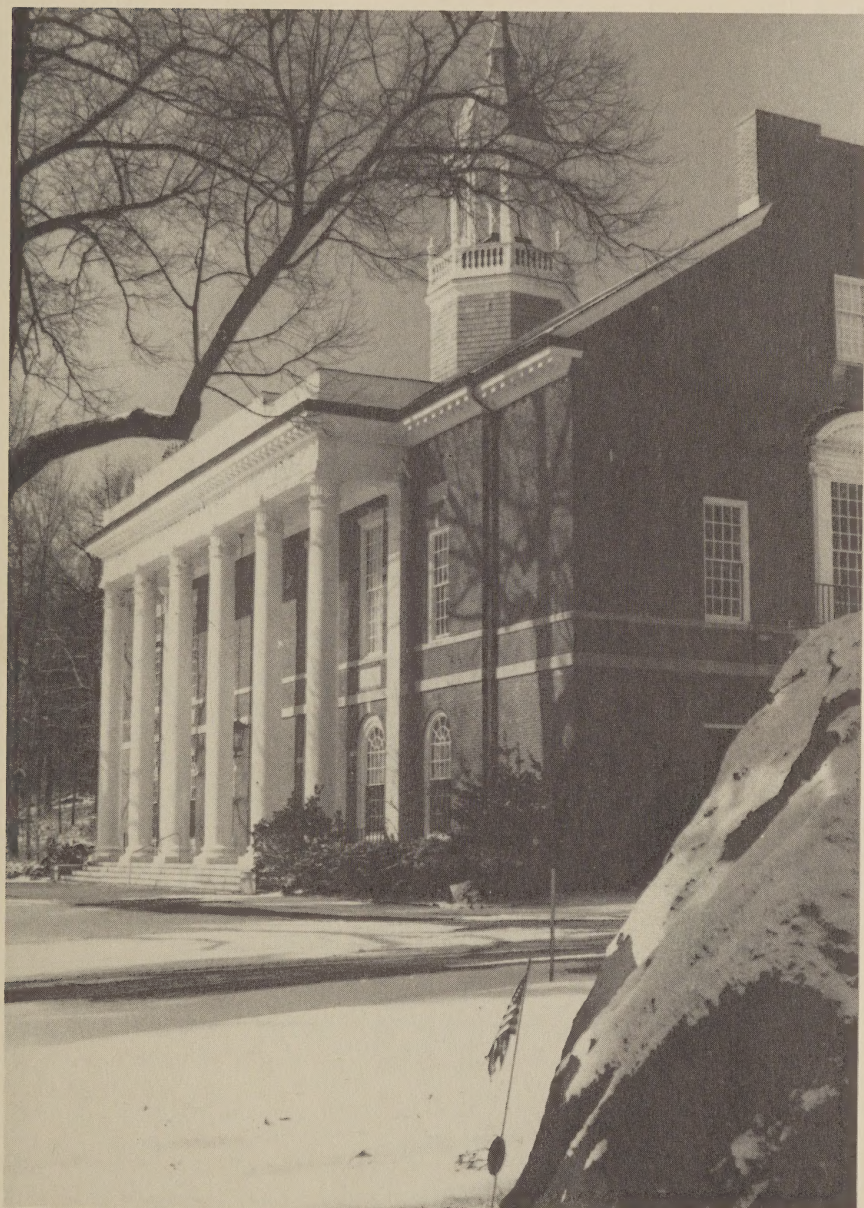


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FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1997



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WESTON

FINANCES IN BRIEF

GRAPHIC PRESENTATION

OF

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

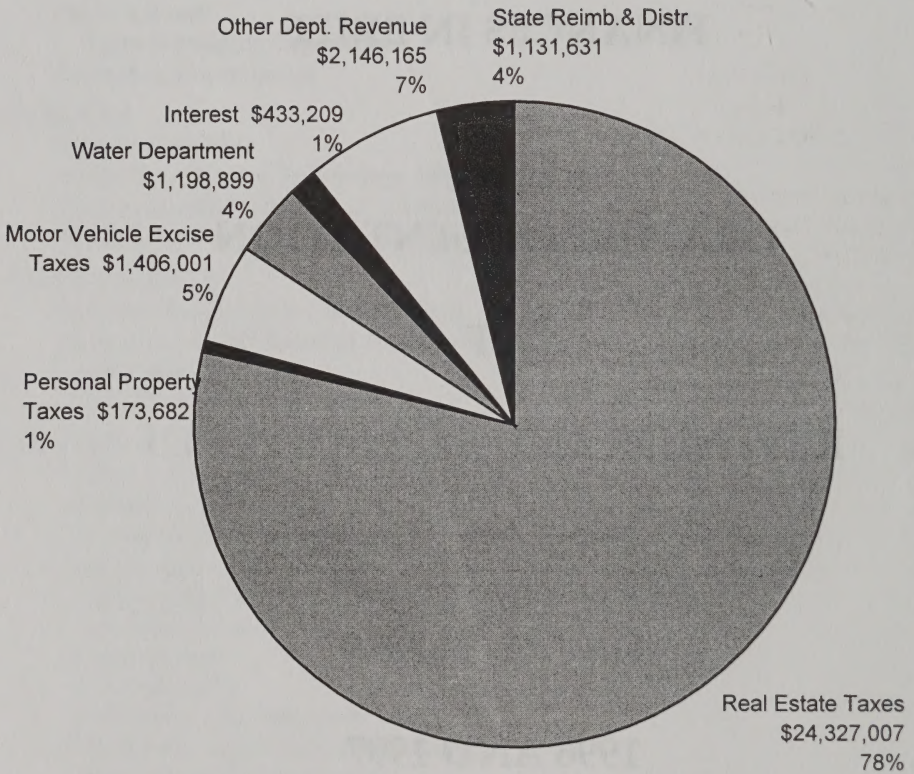
FISCAL YEARS

1996 AND 1997

SOURCES OF REVENUES

Fiscal Year 1996

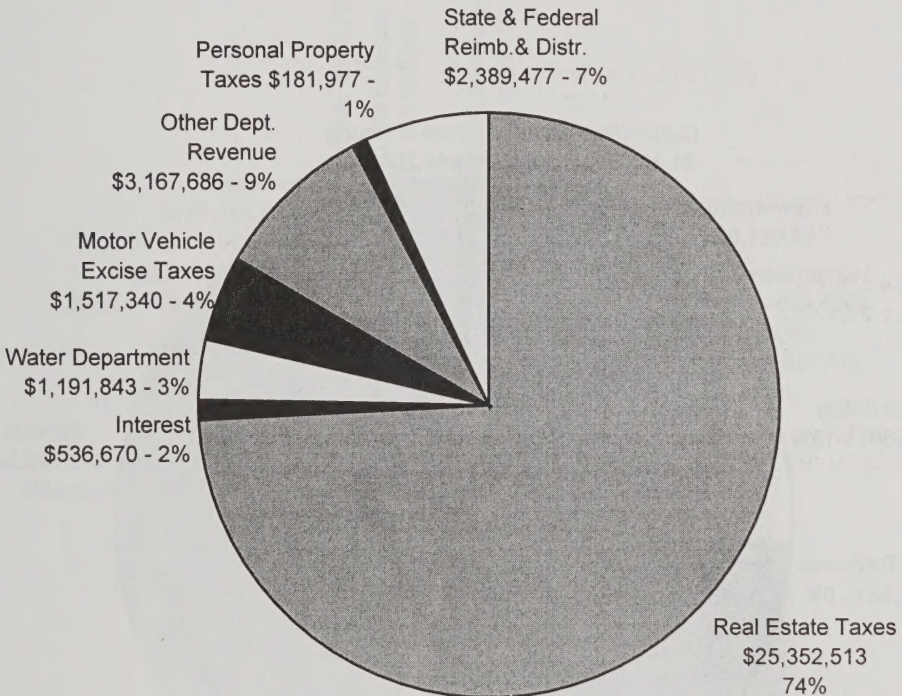
Total Revenue - \$30,816,594



SOURCES OF REVENUES

Fiscal Year 1997

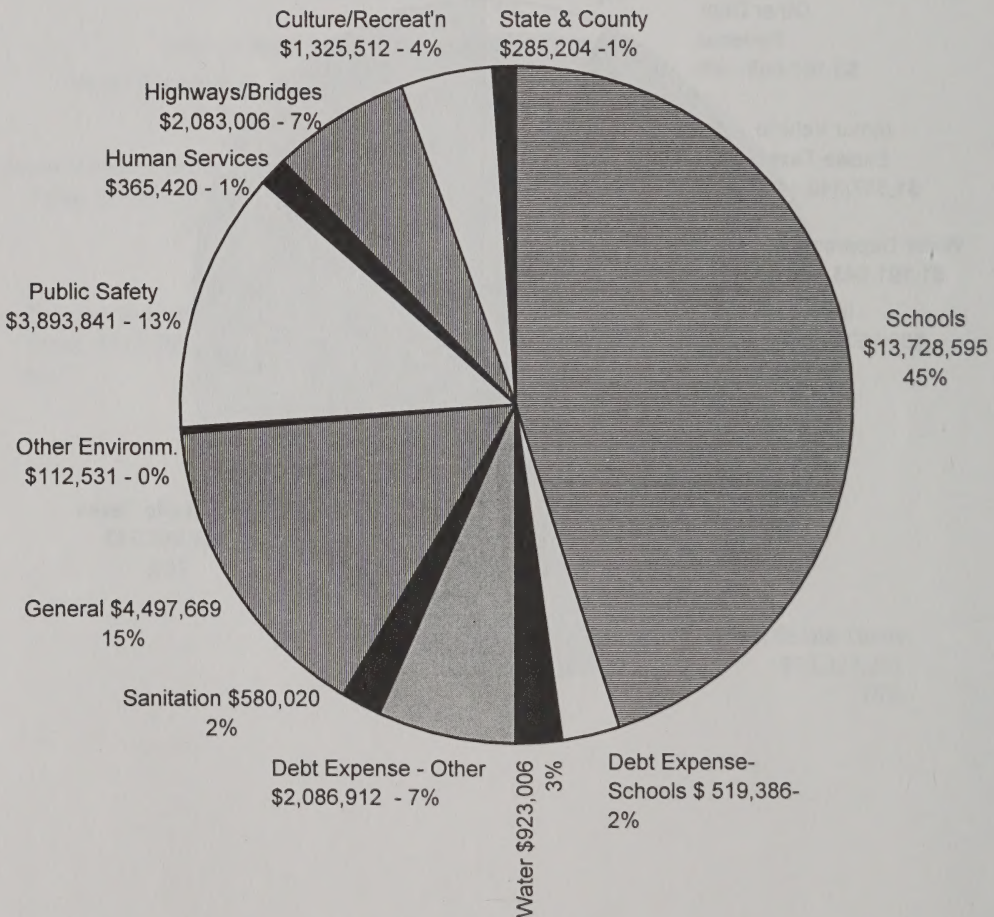
Total Revenue - \$34,337,507



DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year 1996

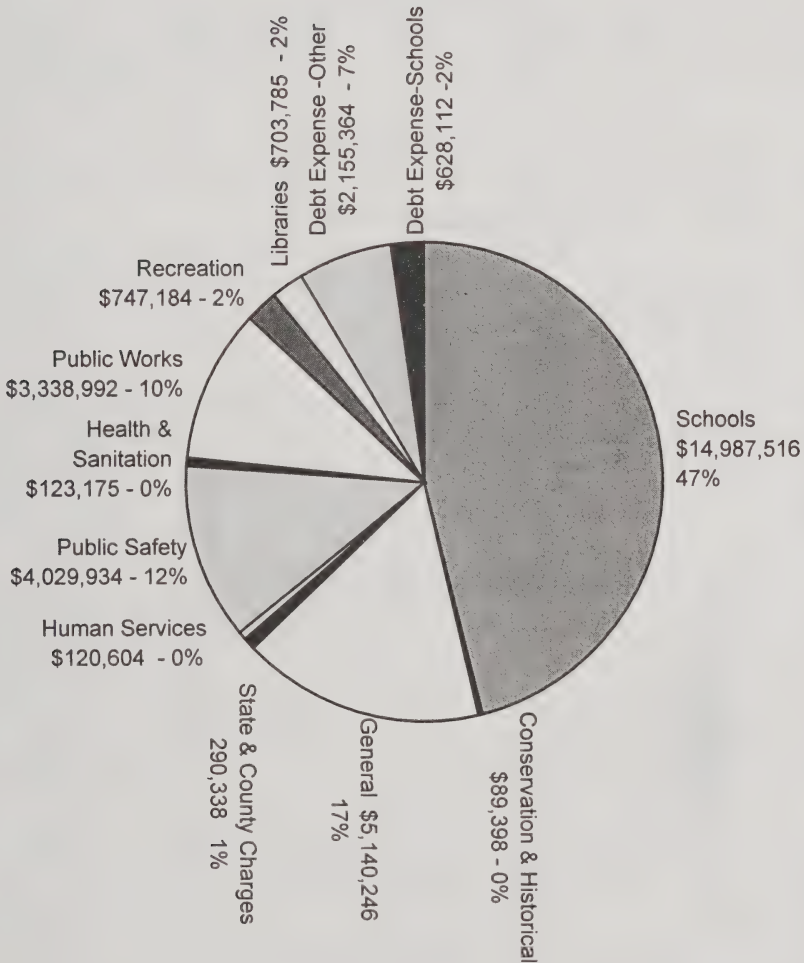
Total Expenditures - \$ 30,401,102



DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year 1997

Total Expenditures - \$32,354,648



STATISTICS

	Year Ending 30-Jun-85	Year Ending 30-Jun-90	Year Ending 30-Jun-91	Year Ending 30-Jun-92	Year Ending 30-Jun-93	Year Ending 30-Jun-94	Year Ending 30-Jun-95	Year Ending 30-Jun-96	Year Ending 30-Jun-97
Population (1)	10,743	10,200	10,200	10,200	10,444	10,444	10,474	10,704	10,911
Number of Voters	7,122	6,773	6,488	6,539	6,764	6,808	6,626	7,173	7,455
Number of Dwelling Houses (2)	3,189	3,145	3,145	3,145	3,179	3,224	3,224	3,256	3,273
School Membership (average) (3)	1,787	1,458	1,476	1,574	1,632	1,676	1,769	1,867	1,971
Valuation of Real Estate	\$ 764,312,600	\$ 1,880,206,300	\$ 1,883,971,000	\$ 1,882,954,100	\$ 1,630,902,300	\$ 1,644,939,500	\$ 1,673,909,300	\$ 1,932,566,800	\$ 1,964,218,100
Valuation of Personal Property	5,393,289	11,433,200	11,391,100	11,459,900	13,806,100	13,604,700	13,563,300	13,806,200	14,161,900
Total Assessed Valuation	\$ 769,705,889	\$ 1,891,639,500	\$ 1,895,362,100	\$ 1,894,414,000	\$ 1,644,708,400	\$ 1,658,544,200	\$ 1,687,472,600	\$ 1,946,373,000	\$ 1,978,380,000
Local Aid Fund	\$ 528,455	\$ 74,332	\$ 82,779	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,050	\$ 20,708	\$ -	\$ -
General Fund Distribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Received	\$ 528,455	\$ 74,332	\$ 82,779	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,050	\$ 20,708	\$ -	\$ -
Metropolitan Parks Assessment	\$ 342,460	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mass. Bay Trans. Authority	178,192	230,371	233,935	239,537	243,749	214,325	218,459	217,805	221,349
County Tax (4)	312,241	24,278	36,885	44,067	45,169	51,822	53,118	51,933	51,931
Paid	\$ 832,893	\$ 254,649	\$ 270,820	\$ 283,604	\$ 288,918	\$ 266,147	\$ 271,577	\$ 269,738	\$ 273,280
Town Debt	\$ 5,444,000	\$ 8,417,000	\$ 9,370,000	\$ 10,030,000	\$ 8,820,000	\$ 11,420,000	\$ 15,770,000	\$ 15,520,000	\$ 13,745,000
Tax Rate per \$1,000 Valuation	\$ 16.28	\$ 9.22	\$ 9.98	\$ 10.74	\$ 12.63	\$ 13.10	\$ 13.55	\$ 12.58	\$ 12.94

(1) As of January 1. Sources: 1990 Federal Census, 1985 State Census, Town Census for all other years.
 (2) Does not include 99 units in Jericho Village, 64 units in Merriam Village and 53 units in Brook School Apartments.
 (3) School year ending June 30: average membership as of October 1 of the previous year.
 (4) Includes assessments for Middlesex County Hospital.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON

ELECTED BY THE VOTERS

Terms Expire

Moderator

Robert M. Buchanan	1998
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Board of Selectmen

Joseph W. Mullin, Chairman	1998
Ripley E. Hastings, Secretary	2000
Elizabeth D. Nichols	1999

Town Clerk

Mary Elizabeth Nolan	1998
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Board of Assessors

Donald B. Myers, Chairman	1999
Phyllis S. Goodman	2000
Stewart C. Woodworth	1998

School Committee

Robert Anthony Nolan, Chairman	2000
Jeri F. Cooper	1998
Thomas Friedlander	1999
Darcy Lettieri	2000
Katharine T. Smith	1998

Recreation Commission

Gregory Czarnowski, Chairman	2000
Cheryl Walsh Kelly	2000
Ella Warren Merrill	1998
Robert C. Millen, Jr.	1998
Cornelia S.W. Newell	1999
James I. Rubens	1999

Planning Board

G. Roger Lee, Chairman	2000
Alfred L. Aydelott (<i>elected to fill vacancy</i>)	1999
Kathy J. Detweiler	2001
Pamela W. Fox (<i>appointed. to fill vacancy</i>)	1998
Barbara Landy (<i>resigned</i>)	2002
Elizabeth H. Munro	1998
Donald B. Myers (<i>resigned</i>)	1999

Board of Health

Joan B. Vernon, Chairman	2000
William D. Cochran, M.D.	1998
Marie Tobin, Secretary	1999

Board of Library Trustees

Doris Atwood Sullivan, Chairman	1998
Charles (Tod) Foote	2000
Kate Greswold	1999
William D. Hartmann	2000
Robert J.T. Kulow	1999
Dorothy B. Robbins	1998

Measurers of Lumber

Glenn Brewster	1998
Adam Hyde	1998
F. Douglas Garron	1998

Commissioners of Trust Funds

James R. Nichols, Chairman	2000
Charles M. Ganson, Jr.	1999
S. Melvin Rines	1998

APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

Town Administrator

J. Ward Carter	1998
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Town Accountant

Karl R. Lahanas	1999
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Assistant Town Administrator

Donna S. VanderClock	<i>To serve at the Pleasure of the Selectmen</i>
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Assistant to the Town Accountant

Ida Mae DeBuono	<i>To serve at the Pleasure of the Selectmen</i>
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Town Counsel

Kopelman & Paige, P.C.	1998
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Town Engineer

Vacancy

Treasurer & Collector

Mark S. Good	1998
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Director of Public Works

Richard C. Nota	1999
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Superintendent of Streets

Paul Scott

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Vacancy

	Tree Warden	
Paul L. Brackett		1998
	Chief of Police	
Charles C. Mayo		1999
	Keeper of Lockup	
Charles C. Mayo		1998
	Deputy Chief of Police	
Roland W. Anderson		1998
	Chief of Fire Department and Forest Warden	
John E. Thorburn		1998
	Inspector of Buildings and Wires	
Courtney W. Atkinson		1998
	Deputy Inspector of Buildings	
Earl D. Midgeley		1998
	Deputy Inspector of Wires	
Oscar LeBlanc		1998
	Inspector of Gas Piping and Appliances	
Edward F. Perilli		1998
	Deputy Inspector of Gas Piping and Appliances	
Edward C. Fredericks, Jr.		1998
	Inspector of Plumbing	
Edward F. Perilli	<i>Under Civil Service</i>	
	Deputy Inspector of Plumbing	
Edward C. Fredericks, Jr.	<i>Under Civil Service</i>	
	Sealer of Weights and Measures	
Courtney W. Atkinson		1998
	Public Weighers	
Denny F. High		1998
Walter Mulcahy		1998
Daniel Nourse		1998
John Place		1998
Kenneth C. Sutherland		1998
Kevin H. Whittemore		1998
	Director of Emergency Management	
John E. Thorburn		1998
	Director of Veteran's Services	
Vacancy		
	Veterans' Agent	
Mark A. Aldrich		1998
	Veterans' Graves Officer	
David S. Johansen		1998
	Dog Officer and Pound Keeper	
Robert F. Cronin		1998

Parking Clerk

Lucy K. Saunders

To serve at the Pleasure of the Selectmen

Fence Viewers

John J. Havlicek

1997

Field Drivers

Sandra S. Gee

1997

Council on Aging

Irvonne Moran, Chairman *(to fill vacancy)*

1998

Connie Davis

1999

Charles Dolberg

2001

Alice W. Douglas *(resigned)*

2000

Una Fleischmann *(resigned)*

1998

F. Douglas Garron *(resigned)*

1998

Pauline Germeshausen

2001

Milo Igersheimer

1999

Patricia Jensen *(to fill vacancy)*

1998

Marion Mason *(to fill vacancy)*

2000

Thomas Perls

2000

Katherine Strehle

2000

Fr. Patrick A. Sullivan, S.J.

1998

Jonathan White, Chairman

1999

Alcohol and Drug Education Advisory Committee

Janet Gordon Bain, Co-Chair

Richard Houde

Joan MacClary, Co-Chair

Laura Jenks-Daly

Paul Arkema

Darcy Lettieri

Connie Davis

Kristian Lomker

Cheryl Haug-Simons

Rev. Joseph Mayher

Nancy W. Healey

Linda J. Perrin

Laura G. Wernick

To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen

Committee for Implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act

Joseph W. Ambash, Chairman

Paul J. Donahue, Jr.

Miguel Gomez-Ibanez

To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen

Board of Appeals

Members:

Robert P. Cook, Chairman	1999
Earl M. Harvey	1998
Wendy K. Armour	2000

Associate Members:

Peter Knight	1999
Winifred Li	2000
Claude Valle, Jr. (<i>resigned</i>)	1998
Vacancy	

Cable Advisory Committee

Edwin E. Smith, Chairman	F. Douglas Garron
Donald R. Shapiro	
<i>To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen</i>	

Community Center Study Committee (Appointed under Article 12 of Warrant for May 8, 1978, Annual Town Meeting)

Blake E. Munson	Linda J. Perrin
<i>Terms expire 1991</i>	

Computer Advisory Committee

Ellen J. Greendale, Chairman	Mark S. Good
J. Ward Carter	Donald R. Shapiro
Randy M. Connolly	John A. Stayn
Donna S. VanderClock	
<i>To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen</i>	

Conservation Commission

George P. Bates, Chairman	2000
Richard W. Albrecht (<i>resigned</i>)	1998
Imogene Fish	1999
Kathleen G. Fishburn	2000
Gustav Fleischmann, III	1998
David C. Phelan	2000
Mary Ann Pappanikou	1998
Charles A. Whitney	1999

Crescent Street Historic District Commission

Alfred L. Aydelott, Chairman	2000
George F. Amadon	2000
Elizabeth S. Ericson	1996
Patricia Mansfield	1999
John Sallay	1998

Weston Cultural Council

J. Thomas Selldorff, Co-chair	1999
Christine Martin, Co-Chair	1999
Ann Billings	1998
Martha H. Carlock	1998
Alice W. Douglas (<i>resigned</i>)	2000
Frank Hamm	2000
Carol Sahlman	1998
Rees F. Tulloss	2000
John C. Williams	1999
Martha Wright	1998
Vacancy	

Committee to Study Employee Health Insurance Matters

Joseph W. Ambash	Peter S. Yozell
<i>To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen</i>	

Historical Commission

Alfred L. Aydelott, Chairman	2000
Melissa Burrage	1998
Woodie C. Flowers	2000
Diane G. Hubbard	1998
Samuel E. Payson, Secretary	1999
Mary M. Pughe	2000
Edward Rossiter	1999

Housing Needs Committee

*(Appointed under Article 14 of Warrant for
May 19, 1986, Annual Town Meeting)*

Laurence Gerber, Chairman	Marc Margulies
Robert Davis Brown (<i>resigned</i>)	Eleanor R. Searle (<i>resigned</i>)
Jane K. Donnelly	Paul M. Vaughn
John S. Ingalls	Vacancies (2)

To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen

Committee to Study Proposals for a Land Bank

Robin Reisman, Chairman	Pamela W. Fox
Robert G. Abbott	Karen S. Gallagher
George Bates	Kathleen B. McCahan
Kate Detwiler	Cheryl K. Nicholas
Brian Donahue	Mary M. Pughe
Kathleen G. Fishburn	Paul M. Vaughn

To Serve at the Pleasure of the Selectmen

Town Map Committee

G. Roger Lee

Richard D. Wright

Vacancy (1)

To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen

Trustees of the Merriam Fund

Jeanette B. Cheek

1998

The Reverend Susan E. Crane

2000

Father Robert Tyrell

1999

Metropolitan Area Planning Council Representative

Marillyn A. Zacharis

1999

MetroWest Growth Management Committee

Joseph W. Mullin

Kathy Detwiler

MetroWest Bicycle Task Force

Kenneth Hablow

MetroWest Open Space Task Force

Kathleen B. McCahan

MetroWest Water Resources Subcommittee

Alan T. Orth

Committee for Mitigation and Compensation for M.W.R.A. Projects

Robert Davis Brown, Chairman

J. Thomas Selldorff

Ingeborg Uhler

To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen

MBTA Advisory Board Representative

Edward M. Dickson

Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee

Kathleen B. McCahan., Chairman

Pamela W. Fox

Nina Danforth

Mary B. Horne

Lee C. Fernandez

Mary A. Lord

Denise Mosher

To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen

Personnel Advisory Committee

Philip Saunders, Jr., Chairman

Daniel D. Donovan

Joseph W. Ambash

Elise F. Rockart

Mary M. Sullivan

Terms to expire June 30, 1998

Public Works Committee

Douglas P. Gillespie, Chairman	1999
John E. Gieselman	1999
Arthur C. Lee	2000
Jean M. Thurston	1998
Elizabeth H. Williams	1998
Vacancies (2)	

R.S.V.P. Advisory Board

Mary Rossi	Ann A. Ulm
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Recycling Education Committee

Jean Reynolds, Chairman	Robert Norton (<i>deceased</i>)
Jane Brigham	Robin Reisman
Carol Johnson	Vacancy (1)

To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen

Board of Registrars of Voters

Carter M. Crawford, Republican, Chairman	2000
Dorothy F. McCarthy, Democrat	1998
George D. Noble, Jr., Democrat	1999
The Town Clerk, <i>ex officio</i> , M. Elizabeth Nolan	1998

Committee to Study Uses and Space Needs for

Public Lands and Public Buildings

*(Appointed under Article 6 of Warrant for
October 21, 1985, Special Town Meeting)*

G. William Helm., Chairman	Kent W. Davenport
John Batter	Andrew Marvel

Joan B. Vernon

To serve at the pleasure of the Selectmen

Committee on Safety and Flow of Pedestrian and Vehicular Traffic

Robert A. Mosher, Chairman	William J. McCarthy
David P. Bell	Eugene C. Ritvo
Ronald E. Benotti	Thomas E. Shepherd, Jr.
Francine P. Lee	Joseph E. Williams, Jr.

Terms expire in 1998

Police Officers (*Under Civil Service*)

	<u>Date of Seniority</u>
Police Lieutenant	
John C. Bentley	5/1/69
Police Sergeants	
Robert F. Allenberg	11/12/68
Vincent P. Corcoran	1/16/67
Thomas M. Healey	8/18/61
Thomas F.W. Nims	11/12/68
Police Officers	
Roland W. Anderson*	12/9/68
Ronald E. Benotti	1/26/81
Robert H. Cook	12/19/73
William H. Garrigan, III	5/24/71
Francis J. Hines, Jr.	8/7/77
Michael E. Joyal	6/25/72
Robert C. Millen, Jr.	4/7/71
Walter P. Nelson	9/23/74
Steven F. Shaw	1/26/81
Richard P. Staunton	2/16/75
Reserve Police Officers	
James J. Butler, III	1/22/80
Police Officers (<i>Not Under Civil Service</i>)	
Mark J. Alonzi	1/04/88
Gilbert C. Boyes, Jr.	10/22/82
John J. Forti	3/31/86
John F. Lyons	3/16/87
Daniel C. Maguire	7/18/82
Stephen A. Mcshane	7/18/82
Dale A. Muldoon	3/16/87
Leo F. Richards, III	9/15/86
Barbara Jean Conte	10/01/90
Intermittent Police Officers (<i>Not Under Civil Service</i>)	
Roger K. McKinnon	9/22/86
Virginia Audrey McKinnon	9/22/86
Constable to Serve Civil Process	
Robert C. Millen, Jr.	April 30, 1997
Robert P. Millian, Jr.	May 15, 1999

APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

Terms Expire

Finance Committee

Ann G. Leibowitz, Chairman <i>(to fill vacancy)</i>	1998
Robbe Burnstine	1999
Vincent Costantini	1999
Richard J. Fishburn	2000
Ripley E. Hastings <i>(resigned)</i>	1998
Cheryl A. Johnson	1998
Lenore Zug Lobel	1998
Jeffrey Plank	2000
Philip H. Thurston	1999
Marillyn A. Zacharis	2000

Weston Elderly Housing Committee

*(appointed under Article 19 of Warrant for
May 9, 1977, Annual Town Meeting)*

Mary Perriello, Chairman	1998
William Cress	1999
Jacqueline P. Fields	2000
John Heine	2000
Melvyn Lurie	1998

Library Building Committee

*(Appointed under Article 6 of Warrant for
October 19, 1987, Special Town Meeting)*

John J. Doyle, Jr., Chairman	Harry R. Hoehler
Lynn T. Brontas	Philip Minervino
Arria Sands	

Memorial Day Committee

George F. Amadon	Reverend Susan E. Crane
John M. Gourgaz	Beverly Dillaway
Gary F. Wolcott	

Member Minuteman Regional Vocational

Technical School Committee

J.J. Gazzola

(Term to expire June 30, 1997)

Weston Rombas Affiliation Committee

Emily Hutcheson, Chair Susan DiMartino
Susan T. Burke Philip Joseph Mayher

Registered Voters for a 3-year term to expire 1999

Susan Coppock Noel Estes (*resigned*)
Pamela Riffin (*to fill vacancy*) Lucy Saunders

Registered Voters for a 3-year term to expire 1998

Carter M. Crawford Nancy Inui

Nancy Selvage

Registered voters for a 3- year term to expire 2000

Martha Bancroft Cynthia Crimmin

Teachers for a 1-year term to expire 1998

William Barclay Tazo Inui

Joseph Forte Gahiji Marshall

Gwen Nolan

Students for a 1-year term to expire 1998

Sewer Committee

*(Appointed under Article 9 of Warrant for
March 28, 1966, Annual Town Meeting)*

George P. Bates, Chairman Susan B. Dumaine

Douglas Henderson

Town Building Committee

*(Appointed under Article 19 of Warrant for
March 30, 1970, Annual Town Meeting)*

Nicholas J. Baker Frederick S. Gilman

Vacancies (3)

Weston War Memorial Education Fund Committee

*(Appointed under Article 13 of Warrant for
March 23, 1953, Annual Town Meeting)*

Harry B. Jones, Chairman 2001

Vera Laska 1997

Robert C. Millen, Jr. 1998

Aimo H. Teittinen 2000

Phyllis C. Wheeler 1999

APPOINTED BY THE TOWN CLERK

Assistant Town Clerk

Edward M. Dickson

APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Inspector of Animals

Paula B. Nicholas	1998
Joan B. Vernon	1998

Agents to Issue Burial Permits

M. Elizabeth Nolan	Gunta Grube
J. Ward Carter	Denise Johnson
Lisbeth C. Zeytoonjian	Ayesha Ahmed
Keith Kasprzak	Paula Nicholas
Eric Kester	David Nims

Health Director

Roy D. Sanderson

Commissioner, East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project

Claude F. Valle (*resigned*)

APPOINTED BY THE TOWN TREASURER

Assistant Treasurer

Mildred M. Cronin	1998
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APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL ON AGING

R.S.V.P. Advisory Board

Marie Pelsue

CALENDAR*

Selectmen - Tuesdays - 7:45 p.m. at
Town Hall

*Call Selectmen's Office,
893-7320*

School Committee - Normally
meets twice per month on Mondays
at Weston Library

*School Information Line 899-0900
or Superintendent of Schools,
899-0620*

Planning Board - Normally meets on
Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall

*Call Planning Board
Office, 893-7320*

Board of Health - Normally meets
on first Wednesday of each month,
9:00 a.m. at Town Library

*Call Board of Health,
235-0135*

Recreation Commission - Normally
meets on first Tuesday of each
month, 7:30 p.m.

*Call Recreation Department,
899-9546*

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

(as of December 31, 1997)

Senators in Congress

Edward M. Kennedy of Squaw
Island, Barnstable
John F. Kerry of Boston

Representative in Congress,
Seventh Congressional District

Edward J. Markey of Malden

Councillor, Third District

Cynthia S. Creem of Newton

State Senator,
Fifth Middlesex District

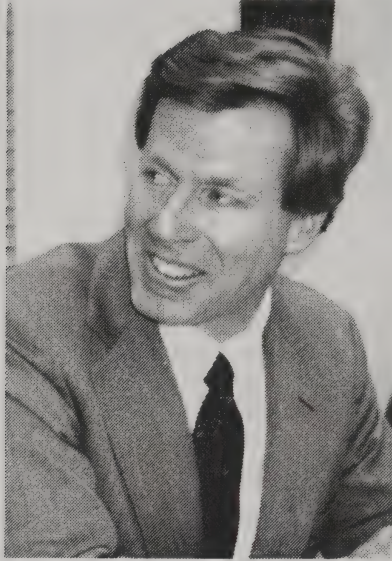
Susan Fargo of Lincoln

Representative in General Court,
Fourteenth Norfolk District

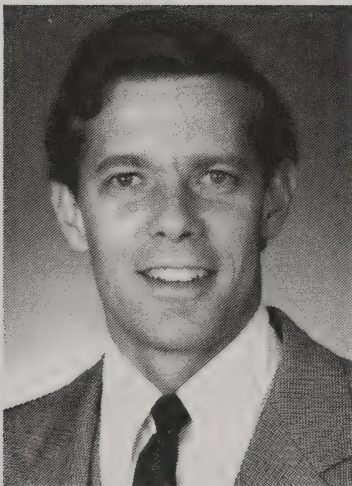
John A. Locke of Wellesley

**All schedules subject to change - Call offices listed*

GENERAL GOVERNMENT



*Joseph W. Mullin
Chairman, Board of Selectmen*



*Ripley E. Hastings
Selectman*



*Elizabeth D. Nichols
Selectman*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ann G. Leibowitz, Joseph W. Mullin and Elizabeth D. Nichols served as the Board of Selectmen conducting the business of the town for the first half of 1997, with Ms. Nichols filling the office of Chairman. At the May Town Election, Ripley E. Hastings was elected to the Board, Ms. Leibowitz having declined to seek reelection. At the first meeting of the Board after the Annual Town Meeting, Mr. Mullin was elected to the office of Chairman and Mr. Hastings to the office of Secretary. The Board continued its practice of meeting weekly on Tuesday evenings at the Town Hall. All meetings of the Board are open to the public except when the Board votes to go into executive session for certain matters as permitted by the Open Meeting Law.

This report will focus on highlights and issues of the year. For a detailed report of the work of the Board of Selectmen, please see the section entitled "Votes of the Board of Selectmen" at page 137. Detailed reports of the various town committees follow this report and are well worth reading to gain an understanding of the variety and complexity of Town affairs.

1997 was an extraordinary year for Town affairs. In addition to three nights of Annual and Special meetings in May, there were two Special Town Meetings in the fall, one stretching over two nights. The recommendation for an override of Proposition 2 ½ in order to fund the budget was defeated, the first override defeat since the adoption of Proposition 2 ½ in 1981. Two complex and controversial issues, the recommendation to release 22+ acres of Town conservation land from conservation status so that it might be transferred to the MWRA for the construction of a water storage facility and the proposal to join in a regional bikeway along the abandoned Central Massachusetts Railroad right-of-way consumed the time, energy and emotions of many citizens and committees and of the Board of Selectmen. A major renovation and expansion of the Middle School was approved at the Annual Town Meeting, and a proposal for architectural fees for the construction of a building for the Recreation Department was approved by the December Special Town Meeting. The Town voted to acquire a parcel of land for the purpose of preserving the open meadow at 153 Church Street pursuant to a complex agreement described below. Last, but not least, the Town and individual members of the Planning Board were sued in connection with ongoing discussions on the development of the Massachusetts Broken Stone site at the intersection of Rte. 128 and Rte. 20. Late in the year the Arthur D. Little Corporation came on the scene as a possible tenant for that site. While all the above was going on, the business of the Town proceeded at an ever-increasing rate and with ever-increasing complexity.

The Year In Review

The Budget

The primary responsibility of the Board of Selectmen is to oversee the budget of the Town. This year, as always, the Board worked to balance the goal of maintaining or minimally improving the level of town services with the desire and necessity of restraining tax increases. Increases in school enrollments, the need to address the physical condition of aging buildings, an aging fleet of vehicles in the Department Public Works, the need to increase the program of road maintenance, unfunded mandates and regulatory requirements from the federal and state governments, and, finally, the expense of a skilled and well-paid work force all exert upward pressure on the town budget. It became clear early in the budget process that there was an increased desire on the part of many residents to restrain expenditures and avoid the necessity of an override of Proposition 2 ½. With that citizen input in mind, the Board and the Finance Committee, a nine member board appointed by the Moderator whose mandate is to advise the Board of Selectmen and the voters of the Town on the budget, worked diligently with all town departments and committees to develop a fiscally responsible budget which would also provide for the needs of the Town. In the end, the Selectmen and the Finance Committee recommended a total operating budget of \$35,351,567, an increase of \$2,782,148 or 8.54% over the FY 1997 budget. In order to fund that budget, the Selectmen and the Finance Committee recommended using \$100,000 of Library construction grant money, \$650,000 of "free cash," \$400,000 from the "overlay reserve" and estimated "other receipts" of approximately \$6,658,322 to supplement the tax levy. \$450,000 in additional money was needed to fund the budget, and the Selectmen, with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, decided to ask the voters to approve an override of Proposition 2 ½ in that amount.

At the Town Election, the voters defeated the override recommendation. This was the first time an override request had been defeated. As the vote resulted in the need to present an alternate budget, the Board of Selectmen asked to defer consideration of the budget until the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting, one week later, in order that the changes necessary to meet the \$450,000 reduction could be decided upon. The Board of Selectmen decided to split the reduction between the School budget and the non-school budget according to the 60/40 ratio of proposed expenditures, with the schools reducing by \$270,000, and the non-School by \$180,000. The amended budget was approved at the second session of the Annual Town Meeting.

Negotiations with the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority

The Committee on Mitigation and Compensation for MWRA Projects continued into its fifth year of detailed and complex negotiations with the MWRA to complete a Memorandum of Agreement covering all phases of the MWRA

MetroWest Water Supply Tunnel projects in Weston, with particular focus on the compensation for the taking of 22+ acres of town-owned conservation land for the construction of a water storage facility. An agreement was finally reached in which the Town would be asked to vote to release the land from conservation and transfer it to the Board of Selectmen. Then the Board would have authority to transfer the land upon the payment of \$3,000,000 and the transfer of 12 acres of MWRA land, plus the fulfillment to the satisfaction of the Board of the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement. The agreement was supported and recommended to the Town Meeting by the Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Commission and the Weston Forest and Trail Association which owned an adjoining 13.5 acres which would also be acquired by the agreement. The voters defeated the motion to remove the land from conservation status.

Over the summer, the MWRA filed legislation on Beacon Hill to take the land. Such an acquisition would require a 2/3 vote of the Legislature. The Board of Selectmen spent the summer reviewing all the issues and the options open to the Town. The review confirmed two key positions--that if such a facility had to be built, then this was the best place to build it, and that the Legislature was highly likely to pass such an important public facility bill, but might well reduce or eliminate the agreed-upon compensation. After long and diligent examination and reexamination of the issues involved, the Board decided that it was in the best interest of the Town to support the taking of the land provided that: (1) the agreed upon compensation be provided, (2) the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement with the exception of the fact that the transfer of the land would now occur within sixty days be incorporated in the legislation, and (3) provision for the land to revert to conservation status if the water storage facility is not built be included. The bill thus amended did pass the Legislature, the land has been transferred, and the check for \$3,000,000 has been deposited in an account designated specifically for the purchase of conservation land. In addition, title to 12 acres of land along Ash Street near the Weston Reservoir has been transferred from the Metropolitan District Commission to the Town.

The Wayside Rail/Trail Proposal

At the Annual Town Meeting in May, the voters were asked to join six other communities in the planning for the development of a 23-mile rail/trail from Berlin through Sudbury and Wayland to Waltham along the abandoned right of way of the Central Massachusetts Railway. The voters gave approval conditional on the results and recommendations of a task force to be established to look into all aspects of the rail/trail. The Rail/Trail Task Force worked all summer and fall with great diligence to pull together their recommendations. In the end, the majority of the Task Force strongly opposed the

Rail/Trail, and proposed strong mitigation measures which they recommended if the Trail were approved. The minority worked with other supporters of the trail to produce an alternate recommendation that favored the trail along the right of way and all the proposed mitigation measures with the exception of two access points within the town. The Town Meeting in December rejected the motion to participate in the Wayside Trail as proposed.

The Recreation Building

The Recreation Department provides an extensive program of activities that is highly valued by the community, and it has done so out of makeshift quarters for a number of years. The office has been in space at Case House that the School Committee has loaned them, and many of the programs have been held in the old Library. Neither space is appropriate for long term use of this nature. In addition, the old Library is the likely site for essential expansion of the Town Hall. Hence, the need for a building dedicated to the Recreation Department and the suitability of a site near the Case House where it would be an integral part of the elementary school complex have been established. The Special Town Meeting in December voted funds for architectural fees of up to \$95,000. During the discussions of the new building, there was considerable interest in providing space for use of the Council on Aging. After a good deal of consideration, the Council on Aging decided that its needs would be better served by expanding at its present space at Brook School Apartments.

The Regis College Sewer Line

Regis College has obtained authorization through a special act of the Legislature to negotiate an agreement with the Board of Selectmen for an easement for a sewer line to connect to the MWRA sewer facilities through the Waltham sewer. The proposed sewer line would be located in Wellesley Street from the College to Rte. 20. It would then continue down Rte 20, a state road over which the town has no control and under Rte. 128 into Waltham where it would enter the MWRA through the Waltham sewer. The Board of Selectmen and Regis College negotiated an agreement as to terms under which Regis could open Wellesley Street from the College to Rte. 20. The proposed easement would limit the use of the pipe to Regis College. The easement would cease if the College were no longer an institution of higher learning, and the gallorage is limited.

The Board of Health

The Board of Health has contracted with the Wellesley Board of Health for services of its personnel for many years. In the last few years, especially since the passage of Title V septic system regulations, the differences in the needs of the two communities, one with a sewer system and one without, had made it desirable to plan to bring the office back to Weston. The Annual Town Meeting voted to terminate the agreement under which the Weston Board of Health

worked with the Wellesley Board of Health. The Weston Board of Health is now housed in the Town Hall. The move has worked out extremely well, except for the fact that the necessity to house the office in what had been a conference room has further compounded the serious lack of space in the Town Hall.

Town Buildings

Work on the long-term maintenance of town buildings has not moved as quickly as had been hoped due to the extraordinary load of other town business. However, the Town did vote at Annual Town Meeting to approve a new zoning bylaw that would allow the town to rent town-owned historic buildings of under 1500 square feet for purposes which are allowable within their zones. That allowed the next step for the Fiske Law Office, a contract to design a new septic system. Preliminary work on a package of exterior work on the Town Hall and the Josiah Smith Tavern has also been accomplished.

Parking for Kendal Green Railroad Station

The issue of how to provide parking for the commuter rail station at Kendal Green has continued to work along. At this writing, it appears that the Town may be able to come to agreement on a purchase from the present owner. The aim would then be to make maximum use of the area for parking and to find a way to fund the costs through user charges.

Sidewalks

The planning and construction of sidewalks or footpaths is progressing, albeit at a frustratingly slow pace. The Lexington Street plan continues to be entangled in some abutter issues. As of this report, the plans are nearly done for construction of a sidewalk along Merriam Street from Sunset Road to the junction with Concord Road. The stretch of Concord Road from the intersection with Merriam Street to College Pond was prepared for a sidewalk at the time a water main was laid there last year. The paving will be laid in the spring of 1998. The Committee on Safety and Flow of Pedestrian and Vehicular Traffic, otherwise known as the Sidewalk Committee has served the town very well over the past years, but with the need to move more quickly now, the Board of Selectmen is considering alternate ways to accomplish the engineering needed.

Renewal of the License for the Provision of Cable Services.

The Cable Advisory Committee negotiated at length with MediaOne on the renewal of the cable license in order to get the most advantageous terms for the Town. At their last meeting in December, the Board of Selectmen voted to accept the recommendation of the Cable Advisory Committee and signed the renewal license.

Computer

The newly acquired computer system is working well, but the institutional loop that connects the various departments of the Town has been troublesome and had reached the point where something had to be done. Negotiations with MediaOne on the installation of a new information loop proceeded along with the license renewal negotiations. In the end, MediaOne did extensive repairs to the current loop and the service is greatly improved. The repair gives the Town a little more time to investigate all the alternatives and then move to whatever the best solution turns out to be.

Housing

The pace of building of large single family houses continued to be brisk, as did the conversion of small residences into large single family homes. The availability of housing for residents who need to find less spacious or expensive alternatives, however, has become even scarcer. Winter Gardens is now occupied and has provided six affordable and 18 market rate homes of modest size. Most of these houses have been sold to people who had already been living in or are working in Weston or who have relatives in Weston. Winter Gardens was constructed under a "friendly" comprehensive permit under the Local Initiative Program of the Commonwealth's Executive Office of Community Development. A step towards providing one type of housing alternative has been taken, but the strong need for alternatives continues to exist. A high-end condominium development limited to those over 55 years of age was defeated when a change in the zoning bylaw necessary for the development was turned down at the October Special Town Meeting.

Massachusetts Turnpike Authority Development

The Massachusetts Turnpike Authority (MTA) has requested proposals for the development of the former ballfield located across Riverside Road from the Liberty Mutual buildings just off Park Road and for the tandem trailer lot on Rte. 30. Any use of those parcels of land which is not directly related to the Turnpike must conform to the Town's zoning bylaw. It is currently zoned single family residential, and thus any development of another kind of use will require a 2/3 vote of the Town Meeting. Informal discussions have been held with the neighbors, but there has been no formal approach to the Town as yet.

In Conclusion

The Board of Selectmen salutes and thanks all those who have volunteered their services to their town. Once again this year, many townspeople have contributed their time, energy, expertise and wisdom to the challenges at hand. It is becoming increasingly difficult, however, to find townspeople who will contribute in this way. The Board urges others to consider volunteering their services to help in the running of the town they have chosen as their home.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Births, marriages and deaths recorded in the Town Clerk's Office of the Town of Weston for the year 1997:

Number of births in 1997:	135
Number of marriages in 1997:	58
Number of deaths:	124
Weston Residents	96
Non-Residents	28

Population of the Town of Weston (1997 census):	10,911
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The following detailed report of births, marriages and deaths recorded during 1997 is printed for the purpose of bringing to the attention of interested persons the facts which appear on the official records of the Town Clerk. Please check the names and other data for errors, and notify the Town Clerk's Office.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN WESTON IN 1996

(not included in previous Town Report)

		May
18	Wong, Emeralds J.	Stephen P. Wong and Elizabeth A. Ross
		December
22	Fahey, Caroline G.	Martin J. Fahey and Laurie E. Phelan
23	Huntley, Henry L.	David M. Huntley and Laura A. McGrath

BIRTHS RECORDED IN WESTON IN 1997

		January
4	Morley-McLaughlin, Aileen Kerry	John Bernard McLaughlin and Catherine Ann Morley
17	Burke, Tristan Wells	Kelly Stephen and Beth Ritchie Burke
18	McDonald, Edgar Redden	John Francis McDonald, III and Alicia Mary Primer
20	Keany, Naomi Katherine	Paul Anthony and Mary Jean Keany
20	Keany, Amelia Case	Paul Anthony and Mary Jean Keany
27	Jenkins, Michael Alexander	Dennis Lyle and Sherlyn Nalder Jenkins

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| 28 | Vocatura, Samantha Anne | Peter Paul and Suzanne Beth Vocatura |
| 28 | Vocatura, Alexis Rose | Peter Paul and Suzanne Beth Vocatura |

February

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| 3 | Reevers, Nickolas Alexander | Daniel Raymond and Lise N. Revers |
| 3 | Griffin, Briannah Tocci | Paul Edward, Jr. and Lauren Lee Griffin |
| 6 | Frye, Amos Robert | Lawrence D. and Robin D. Frye |
| 6 | Frye, Joshua Leonard | Lawrence D. and Robin D. Frye |
| 6 | Bellinger, Taylor Gaetana | David Christopher and Lisa Bellinger |
| 6 | O'Donnell, Jacquelyn Ferreiro | John Merritt O'Donnell, Sr. and Roxana Mary Ferreiro |
| 10 | Grob, Anabel Corinne | Lawrence Andrew Grob and Ellen Louise Tobart-Grob |
| 11 | Clutz, Hunter Bainbridge | Andrew Hunter and Anne Squires Clutz |
| 13 | Schaffer, Lauren Sophie | Dean Ira and Linda Fell Schaffer |
| 13 | Miller, Benjamin Alling | Paul Richardson, III and Susan Katz Miller |
| 21 | Davidson, Paisley Marie | Steven Kenneth and Michelle Lucy Davidson |

March

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| 5 | Kee, Laura Rose Krinsky | Gregory Michael and Claudia Jane Krinsky Kee |
| 12 | McNeil, Zackery Richard | Richard Clifford McNeil and Meryl Daria Erhartic |
| 13 | Young, Sophia Annalise | Richard Allen Young and Anna Teresa Aldovini |
| 17 | Musadeq, Siti Mualaina Puteri | Muhammad Musadeq Arifin Akil and Molina Widi Utami Lini Akil |
| 17 | Fishman, Jason Tyler | Steven Jeffrey and Laurie Newman Fishman |
| 19 | Syed, Aamer | Mustafa Mohammed Syed and Cinin Rafat Amina |
| 30 | Capalbo, George Leonardo | George Nicholas and Danielle K. Capalbo |
| 31 | McGill, Gabriel Rosen | Michael James McGill and Ellen Sue Rosen |

April

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| 6 | Zamsky , Peter McGovern | Steven Adolph, Jr. and Maeve L. Zamsky |
| 8 | Haight , Cody Cameron | Amory Fletcher Haight and Jennifer Katherine Brown |
| 10 | Roan , James Thomas, IV | James Thomas Roan, III and Laura Delrossi |
| 11 | Otto , Charles Plank | Jeffrey Otto and Jane Plank |
| 18 | Garnick , Alexander Cary | Harold Cyrus and Laure Abadi Garnick |
| 19 | Burd , Rachel Emily | Douglas Aaron and Carol Ann Burd |
| 28 | Maws , Matthew Kiva Cooper | Stewart Lawrence and Jacquelin Sue Cooper Maws |
| 30 | Ewanouski , Charles Henry | Robert Gerard and Lisa Ewanouski |

May

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| 1 | Chow , Kyle Austin Chuin-Ming | Chi Hui Robert and Hilda Chung-Ching Chow |
| 3 | Curelop , Ari Mandelis | Mark Lawrence Curelop and Marioleni Mandelis |
| 4 | Westvold , Scott Harrison | Scott Seward and Elizabeth McCombs Westvold |
| 11 | Kussmaul , Caleb Wesley | John Wesley and Maria Lewis Kussmaul |
| 19 | Widen , Michaela Roseleni | Colin Stuart and Nansi O. Widen |
| 20 | Whalen , Matthew Elias | Robert Peter, Jr. and Victoria Alexandra Whalen |
| 26 | Curtis , Thomas Alan | Alan Steven and Julie Swengros Curtis |
| 27 | Sabot , Andrew Wade | Gary Wayne and Jennifer Wade Sabot |
| 28 | Paquin , Michael Francis | Christopher John and Candace Charlene Paquin |

June

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| 1 | Lucas , Emma Rose | Peter Vican and Jennifer Wolfe Lucas |
| 1 | Gilbard , Ainsley Blair | Jeffrey Paul and Elisabeth Napp Gilbard |
| 1 | Roth , Amalia Anne | Stephen Joel Roth and Andrea Margaret Fish |
| 2 | Savitz , Faran Friedman | Adam Jonathan and Lisa Beth Friedman Savitz |
| 3 | Williams , Erica Brennan | Peter King and Lisa Brennan Williams |

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| 3 | Gallant , Drew Richard | John Omer and Sharon Ann Gallant |
| 5 | Hadley , Gale Parker | Thomas Brook and Joanne Woolf Parker |
| 9 | Clemens , Marshall Alfred | Alfred Jude and Gabrielle Mary Clemens |
| 12 | Shytle , Kristen Angela | Hugh Thomas and Doreen Mary Shytle |
| 15 | Rowe , James Perry | Kevin Peter and Kathryn Schumann Rowe |
| 17 | Goussetis , Nicholas Andrew | Alexander Andrew and Lisa Marie Goussetis |
| 19 | Uhrig , Diana Stonestreet | Jonathan Miles and Jennifer Stonestreet Uhrig |
| 20 | Jesurum , Rebecca Lee | Alexander and Deborah Levine Jesurum |
| 20 | Bickford , Cole Williams | Robert Stanley Bickford and Yvonne Williams |
| 22 | Freshman , Cyrus Wiggin | Peter Alan Freshman and Margaret Hunter Wiggin |
| 25 | Foxen , Timothy Daniel | Robert Jordan, Jr. and Elizabeth Jane Foxen |
| 26 | Kane , Olivia Elaine | Roger Kestine, Jr. and Elaine Gangi Kane |
| 28 | Foote , Jodi Lynn | Daniel Joseph and Penny L. Foote |

July

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| 3 | Gildea , Edward Curley | James Hyde and Carol Ann Gildea |
| 6 | Amiji , Adam Mohsin | Mohsin Mustafa Amiji and Chien Chien Su-Amiji |
| 7 | Clark , Victoria Teresa | Gregory Thomas and Teresa Michelle Clark |
| 8 | Goulart , Drew Harrison | Robert Francis Goulart and Donna Mary Lynch |
| 10 | White , Joshua William | Robert Francis and Tona Buros White |
| 10 | McCanne , Benton Austin | Lee and Debra Louise McCanne |
| 11 | Doolittle , Kierst Kaitlin | Andrew Maurice and Tove Torgerson Doolittle |
| 13 | Friend , William Jacob Ruskin | David Bruce and Susan Edith Friend |
| 14 | Chates , Jonah Lee | Edward Mark and Zoe Vinick-Chates |
| 15 | Wagner , Justin David | Kenneth Bruce and Cynthia Lynn |
| 18 | Bennett , Jack Vance | Stephen Paul and Laura Dennelle Bennett |

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| 24 | McCaughey , Shane Kurcon | Mark Steven McCaughey and Petra Carmen Kurcon |
| 25 | Benning , Claire Louise Clocher | Gregory William and Anne Louise Benning |
| 26 | Gordon , Samantha Kathryn | Steven Jeffrey and Mary Theresa Gordon |
| 29 | O'Laughlin , Michaela Jane | John Richard and Barry B. O'Laughlin |
| 29 | Alphas , Tess Louise | John Stephen and Sharon Roper Alphas |
| 30 | Dixon , George Louis | Harold Robert, III and Juliet Joy Dixon |

August

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| 5 | Queally , Caroline Maira | Kevin Joseph , Jr., and Jennifer Daniels Queally |
| 10 | Miller , Maxwell Thomas | Harry and Melinda Demarines Miller |
| 14 | Schwartz , Jason Alexander | Michael Allen Schwartz and Sheryl Mindy Greenberg |
| 14 | Schwartz , Brianna Carly | Michael Allen Schwartz and Sheryl Mindy Greenberg |
| 19 | Bersani , Alix Elizabeth | John Adam and Cynthia Lynn Bersani |
| 20 | Abrecht , Charlotte Katarina | Clifford Herman and Michele Simeone Abrecht |
| 23 | Hall , Henry Edward | Richard Lawrence and Susan Pawlick Hall |
| 23 | Noonan , Peter Connors, Jr. | Peter Connors and Jean Hendrix Noonan |
| 25 | Harper , Lucy Kathryn | George Finley and Jeanmarie Harper |
| 26 | Rolde , Anna Dechabun | David Andrew and Rattana Rolde |
| 27 | Donovan , Gregory Sewell | Gregory Stewart and Anne Whitney Donovan |
| 30 | Perls , Travis Mitchell | Thomas Theodore Perls and Leslie Barbara Smoot |

September

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| 5 | Bell , Francis Xavier | Peter William and Marilee Bell |
| 6 | Brown , Ashley Paterson | Robin Alexander and Marcia Joan Brown |
| 6 | Moulton , Katie Leann | Steven Lee and Karen Simpson Moulton |
| 7 | Ward , Miller David Babbott | Thomas Edward Ward, III and Katherine Jeffers Babbott |

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| 7 | Ward , Clara Elizabeth Babbott | Thomas Edward Ward, III and Katherine Jeffers Babbott |
| 12 | Brady , Eliza Grant | William Francis Brady, III and Susan Irene Luchetti |
| 13 | Vydra , Charlotte Williams | Edward Marble Vydra and Joanna May Stimpson |
| 22 | Bosse , Margot Melanie | Richard J. and Audrey Christine Bosse |
| 27 | Hunter , Ian Douglas | Andrew Babington Hunter and Cynthia Lee Egan |
| 27 | Nickerson , Reese George | Laurence Crowell Nickerson and Michelle Hauser Nickerson |
| 29 | Souminen , Jack McNicholas | Henry Charles, Jr. and Theresa Marie Souminen |

October

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| 3 | Keehn , Alec Jordan | Andrew Lewis Keehn and Bonnie Lori Berg |
| 6 | Greshin , Jacqueline Susan | Adam Mark and Elizabeth Anne Greshin |
| 9 | Gerard , Marisa Elizabeth | James Michael and Karen Joy Gerard |
| 11 | Ayer , Jordan Christopher | David Alexander and Linda Marie Ayer |
| 13 | Silverstein , Naomi Rebecca | Ross Stanley and Amy Rosen Silverstein |
| 14 | Valle , Katherine Josephine | Claude Fabian, III and Jean Maria Valle |
| 14 | Rich , Eliana Marina | Jack Charles and Alice A. Rich |
| 14 | Rich , Katherine Hadara | Jack Charles and Alice A. Rich |
| 23 | Lipkin , Rachel Sarah | Lev and Yelena Lipkin |
| 23 | Peters , Bradford Estey | Jeffrey Franklin and Christina Sage Peters |
| 24 | Petard , Saphia Emilie Jeanne | Alain Francois Ferdinand Petard and Victoria Christina Binavince |
| 28 | Rippe , Jaelin Davis | James Marshall and Stephanie Hart Rippe |
| 30 | Ivey , Robert Barr | Alan Barr and Rebecca Hulme Ivey |

November

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| 3 | Doorandish , Ryan James | Ramin and Elizabeth Doorandish |
| 6 | Rabins , Sabrina Stern | Richard Rabins and Nancy Beth Stern |
| 8 | Cramer , Lucas Benjamin | David Hillel and Kathy Caren Cramer |

9	Mosher , Jessica Molly	Robert Allen, Jr. and Denise Wolff Mosher
10	Krasner , Lily Ellen	Ivan Martin and Therese A. Krasner
11	Nahigian , Kimberly Patricia	Robert John and Donna Patricia Nahigian
11	Madrigal , Victoria Alia	Gerard Abad Santos and Terri Ann Madrigal
19	Wright , Catherine Margaret	John Wendell and Mary Patricia Wright
20	Grinspoon , Lee Andrew	Steven Kyle Grinspoon and Winifred Ann Sandler
21	Piccione , Madeline Elizabeth	John Anthony Piccione and Noreen Bedini Ferrante
24	Sheiman , Matthew Perry	Robert Glenn Sheiman and Laura Jean Perry
25	Tabak , Louis Peng	Andrew Tabak and Ying Peng
26	Fletcher , Taylor Johnson	Roderick Whipple and Barbara Johnson Fletcher
28	Tantillo , Delaney Blair Rosselot	Michael Blair Tantillo and Nancy Catherine Rosselot

December

4	Mone , Sean William	Brian John and Elizabeth Barrett Mone
10	Panepento , Monica Nancy	Peter Vincent and Nancy Murray Panepento
21	Goguen , Caroline Elizabeth	Richard Raymond and Kristen Elizabeth Goguen
27	Ferri , Catherine Elizabeth	Paul John Ferri, Jr. and Nancy Louise Powell-Ferri
30	Grundy , Bryce Nyman	Adrian Rothwell and Lisa Ellen Grundy
31	Peters , Eliza Jane	Charles James, Jr. and Karen Marie Peters

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN WESTON IN 1996
(not included in previous Town Report)

September

- 21 Lydia B. **Shire** and Uriel J. **Pineda**, both of Weston

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN WESTON IN 1997

January

- 4 Charles Stephen **Foster** and Frances Ann **Barrett** both of Weston
30 Hugo E. **Uyterhoeven** and Julie Yi **Zhu** both of Weston

February

- 14 John C. **O'Brien** and Aline **Yurik** both of Weston
22 William Joseph **Chartrand** and Tina Susan **Ferrelli** both of Weston

March

- 9 Louis A. **Sandoval** and Doris Yessenia **Pancan** both of Weston
24 Rigoberto Felipe **Mendez** of Weston and Imelda **Lopez** of Waltham

April

- 19 Alberto Luis **Perez-Vergara** and Joanne Marie **Lavacchio** both of Raleigh, NC
19 Mark D. **Bush** of Brookline and Vittoria **Varriale** Whitney of Weston
19 Bradley Craig **Brenner** of Clayton, MO and Daryl Lynn **Bressler** of St. Louis, MO
24 Bertram Ronald **Payne** of Boston and Monique Marcel **Haers** of Leuven, Belgium

May

- 10 Michael J. **Powers** of Weston and Melinda Sue **Hanlon** of Chestnut Hill
10 Cameron Geoffrey **McDonough** of Boston and Allison Lloyd **Smith** of Weston
18 Gregory Peter **Carbone** and Hannah Alice **Dvorak** both of Pasadena, CA
25 Andrew Maysilles **Neher** of Wayland and Dawn Kummer **Simeone** of Weston
25 Hugh Steven **Zuker** and Pamela Beth **Paresky** both of Chicago, IL
31 Theodore M. **Romanow** and Kim Helene **Redfield** both of Weston

June

- 4 Kunsik **Pyon** and Hee Kyung **Shin** both of Weston
- 7 Laurence **Gerber** and Laurie **Tidor** both of Weston
- 14 James L. **Stanfield**, III of Groton, CT and Anngenetta Cottrell **Tyler** of Weston
- 14 Thomas William **Seeman** and Jennifer Grace **Alfond** both of Houston, TX
- 21 Michael C. **DiGregorio** and Joan M. **Berg** both of Marlboro
- 22 Douglas Freeman **Keene** and Mary Beth **Sidorowicz** both of Weston
- 23 Ethan Gabriel **Harris** and Louise **Dube** both of Weston
- 28 Kenneth Scott **Neuhauser** of Sudbury and Janet Ann **Kerwin** of Weston
- 28 Glenn Anthony **Barry** and Michelle Denise **Bolduc** both of Canton
- 28 D. Stephen **Craig** and Kathryn C. **Wilder** both of Washington Crossing, PA
- 28 Sean Harris **Poole** and Tanya Elan **Benoit** both of Weston
- 28 Peter John **Kakridas** and Susan Lynn **Nordstrand** both of Weston

July

- 5 Leo Robert **Romanick** and Christy Ann **Travers** both of Weston
- 14 William Trammell **Beeton** and Julia Fogg **Hubbard** both of Venice, CA
- 19 David Allyn **Fox** and Christine Margaret **Mullen** both of Maynard
- 19 Thomas Michael **Lemberg** and Martha Gross **Gefter** both of Weston
- 22 Sameh Samir **Sidhom** and Neveen Zaky **Mina** both of Weston

August

- 16 John David **Place** and Stacey Ann **McLaughlin** both of Weston
- 17 John Xhan **Demirali** and Mary Bulman **Dolbec** both of W. Roxbury
- 22 Robert Shaw **Sturgis** of Weston and Sylvia **Maynard** of Boston
- 30 John McCoy **Boyd** and Elizabeth Whitman **Brew** both of Weston

September

- 5 Julius **Lister** and Marysia Helena **Gribou** both of Weston
- 7 Robert Francis **Mosher** of Needham and Kim **Hudson** of Newton
- 13 Brian Davis **Munson** and Hilary Britt **Sayer** both of Williamsville, NY
- 14 H. Frank **McCarthy**, III and Jennifer Lyn **McCann** both of Wakefield
- 20 Shaun Richard **Daley** of Marlborough and Amy Leh **Coller** of Weston
- 20 Brian James **Buchanan** of Clifton, VA and Jill Elizabeth **Havlicek** of Weston
- 28 Michael Ben **Stark** of Ashland and Carol A. **Smith** of Weston

October

- 11 Dwight T. **Burns**, III and Catherine L. **Agnello** both of Holbrook
- 25 Robert P. **Girschek** and Julie E. **Kohler** both of Marlborough

November

- 1 Winston A. **Ware** and Lindsay Ann **Taylor** both of Weston
- 8 David Forrest **Coughlin** and Lynn Elizabeth **Hinckley** both of Newton
- 9 Stephen Willis **Pollock** and Dorothy Storer **Paynter** both of San Francisco, CA
- 15 David P. **Vellante** and Deborah S. **Butler** both of Still River, MA
- 15 Peter James **Broding** and Nancy Patricia **Martinez** both of Stafford, VA
- 22 Joseph Lee **Kenosian** and Colleen Ann **Carney** both of Weston
- 28 Peter Alan **Freshman** and Margaret Hunter **Wiggin** both of Weston
- 29 Jonathan Paul **Mehlman** of Matawan, NJ and Ellen Beth **Fleischer** of New York, NY

December

- 6 Douglas Middleton **Dahl** of Brookline and Susan Elizabeth **Gray** of Canton
- 7 Michael P. **Franchi** and Tara Maria **Pavia** both of Jamaica Plain
- 20 Andrew L. **Ross** and Leslie Schwartz **George** both of Weston
- 31 John D. **Decaneas** of Buzzards Bay and Donna **Harris** of Weston

DEATHS RECORDED IN WESTON IN 1996

(not included in previous Town Report)

Date	Name	Place of Birth	Age
December 1996			
8	Hugh Douglas Price	Florida	68
15	Myn Lack Berley	New York	93

DEATHS RECORDED IN WESTON IN 1997

Date	Name	Place of Birth	Age
January			
1	Elizabeth A. Leonard	Massachusetts	90
1	Eva F. Safon	Connecticut	94
5	Elizabeth C. Hunt	Canada	81
5	Ruth C. Peakes	Maine	90
9	Daniel J. McCarthy	Massachusetts	75
15	Allen B. Metcalfe	Canada	81
16	Elizabeth Arkema	Illinois	89
17	James Edward Powers	Massachusetts	82

19	Burt H. Harrison	New Hampshire	69
21	June Hamblin Mitchell	Massachusetts	81
23	Chau Mei Lee Lam	China	80
24	Louis Feldman	Russia	94
25	Ruth D. Dowell	Massachusetts	103
25	George R. Crozier	Canada	83
26	Mary G. Foley	Massachusetts	87
26	Walter Joseph McMullen	Massachusetts	88
27	Josephine M. Uttaro	Massachusetts	81
28	Edith Teresa Simpson	Massachusetts	94
29	Joseph Michael Fallon	Massachusetts	79
29	Evelyn Barstow	Rhode Island	87
31	Victor Christian Harnish	Kansas	89

February

1	Douglas Mercer	Massachusetts	78
6	Louise B. Saunders	Massachusetts	93
6	Anna K. Aftandilian	Russia	68
8	Muriel A. Heamer	Massachusetts	82
9	Celia Blume	Massachusetts	95
9	Gabriel Ghirlando	Malta	61
12	Genevieve Weyand Jackson	New Jersey	93
14	Marion Adolphus Cheek, III	Massachusetts	63
15	Stephen Thomas Riley	Massachusetts	88
20	Earline C. Wyman	Ohio	90
24	Esther B. Olken	Massachusetts	94
25	Ann Finn	Massachusetts	90
27	Calvin Austin Hill	Massachusetts	79
28	Francis F. Callahan	Massachusetts	82
28	Anna Somers	New York	85

March

4	Edith M. James	Massachusetts	87
5	Margaret Hermon Brooks	Massachusetts	78
5	Ellen Victoria Silva	Massachusetts	81
9	Florence Harrington	England	94
10	Rose H. Ford	Massachusetts	88
13	Bettie G. Abrahams	Massachusetts	81
13	Frederic C. Dumaine, Jr.	Massachusetts	94
14	Henrietta Warren	Illinois	71
17	Thomas F. Burke	Massachusetts	92
17	Margaret Mary Peterson	Massachusetts	84

19	Bruce G. Bell	Massachusetts	37
23	Thomas W. Smith	Ohio	60
23	Marie Louise Edel	Pennsylvania	88
24	Leonard J. Beckwith	Massachusetts	80
28	William Thomas McSorley	Massachusetts	86

April

4	Florence Hastings	Massachusetts	97
5	George J. Pink	Massachusetts	86
13	Nancy Barbara Lang	England	91
15	Dorothy A. Mattson	Massachusetts	79
16	John Vellella	Italy	96
20	Marc Alan Cowe	Massachusetts	50
24	Martha Rebecca Doughty	Pennsylvania	72
24	Francis Owen Hagerty	Massachusetts	80
25	Mary M. Mullen	Massachusetts	88
28	Donald A. J. Sherpenski	Connecticut	62
30	George T. Young	England	86

May

2	John Richard Post	New York	40
3	Joseph M. Foote	Massachusetts	82
7	Etta Gilman	Massachusetts	87
8	Ted Kazo	Connecticut	47
13	Philip J. Doherty	Massachusetts	73
16	Anne Turnbull	Massachusetts	74
19	A. Barbara Gray	Massachusetts	80
24	Margaret C. Malone	Massachusetts	72
25	Georgia K. Anthony	Pennsylvania	95

June

1	Bo Oi Quan	China	73
5	Robert F. Norton	Massachusetts	68
7	Roberta E. Billings	Massachusetts	68
10	Verna E. Fritz	Massachusetts	80
13	Mary M. Besso	Canada	92
14	Ruth A. Lee	Ohio	78
16	Everett P. Grossman	Massachusetts	73
21	Gladys Stepper	Massachusetts	85
22	Vincent Carroll Bowhersh	New York	69
24	Mildred E. Murphy	Massachusetts	88
29	Olimpia Ribotto	Italy	102

July

12	Laurence Ross Skelly	Connecticut	72
15	Loretta Hebert	Canada	93
17	Mary L. Dadmun	Massachusetts	78
22	Abraham Weisberg	Massachusetts	83
26	Nora T. Murphy	Ireland	88
27	Brian Thomas McGagh	Massachusetts	30

August

6	Donnell Conde Howe, Jr.	Illinois	87
18	Joseph Francis Keaney	Massachusetts	80
18	Samira Daoud	Syria	68
26	Louis O. Bruneau	Massachusetts	77
27	Dorothy E. Bennett	New Hampshire	79
30	Muriel Chace Pearson	Massachusetts	77

September

10	Ruth Olive DuBois	Massachusetts	83
17	Anna T. Cashes	Massachusetts	82
25	Ann Bell	Rhode Island	66
27	Mary C. Chaisson	Massachusetts	85
28	Margaret Ann Kerwin	Vermont	71
30	Eugene J. Harrington	Massachusetts	81

October

3	Lena Jodice	Massachusetts	92
4	Elizabeth K. Senior	Wisconsin	67
9	Margaret M. Morrissey	Massachusetts	74
12	Gale M. Haydock	Kentucky	69
14	Louis R. Mercier	Canada	69
14	Robert Haydock, Jr.	Massachusetts	80
18	Margaret Henderson Floyd	New York	65
20	Estelle J. Seitz	New York	82
20	Alice H. Taylor	Iowa	99
21	Doris C. Reilly	Massachusetts	84
25	Richard Johnson	Massachusetts	91

November

10	Joseph Austin Devenny	Massachusetts	89
16	Sarah R. Young	Massachusetts	78
26	Mary F. Kelly	Massachusetts	81
29	Frances M. MacDonald	Massachusetts	79
30	Richard J. Fanning	Massachusetts	75

December

3	Edwin D. MacDonald	Massachusetts	83
5	Meyer Weinstein	Illinois	83
6	Floyd L. Barbetti, Sr.	Vermont	91
16	Grace Anne Sullivan	Massachusetts	75
16	William H. Fenney	Massachusetts	94
21	Rita M. Morris	Massachusetts	77
24	Mabelle E. Hanrahan	Rhode Island	84
29	Gertrude Alisca Czarnowski	Pennsylvania	70

LICENSE REPORT - DOGS

129 Male/Female	@	11.00	\$	1,419.00
634 Spayed Females/Neutered Males	@	7.00		4,438.00
1 Kennel License	@	25.00		25.00
1 Kennel License	@	50.00		50.00
1 Kennel License	@	75.00		75.00
			\$	6,007.00
Less: Fees Deducted:				
763 Selectmen's Fees	@	1.00		(763.00)
766 State Fees	@	1.50		(1,149.00)
			\$	(1,912.00)
Net Returned to the Town			\$	4,095.00

LICENSE REPORT - FISH AND GAME

67 Resident Fishing	@	22.50	\$	1,507.50
3 Resident Fishing 65-69	@	11.25		33.75
5 Non-Resident Fishing	@	32.50		162.50
2 Duplicate Fishing	@	2.00		4.00
22 Resident Citizen Hunting	@	22.50		495.00
1 Non-Resident Hunting	@	60.50		60.50
15 Resident Sporting	@	40.00		600.00
23 Resident Citizen over 70		FREE		
12 Archery Stamps	@	5.10		61.20
14 MA Waterfowl Stamps	@	5.00		70.00
10 Primitive Firearms Stamps	@	5.10		51.00
109 Wildfire Conservation Stamps				
Resident	@	5.00		545.00
6 Wildlife Conservation Stamps				
Non Resident	@	5.00		30.00
			\$	3,620.45
Less: Fees Deducted				
113 Licenses	@	0.50		(56.50)
12 Archery Stamp Fees	@	0.10		(1.20)
14 Duck Stamp Fees	@	0.25		(3.50)
10 Primitive Firearms Stamp	@	0.10		(1.00)
			\$	(62.20)
Paid to the Division of Fisheries & Game			\$	3,558.25

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging (COA) serves all Weston residents with information and referrals for their own needs or for those of an older family member. Information is disseminated on many issues: health, housing, legal, insurance, in-home assistance, taxes, transportation, fuel assistance, medical equipment, etc. The COA has a licensed social worker on staff who is available for consultation at home or at the COA office.

Informational and recreational programs are offered monthly to Weston Seniors. On-going new programs in 1997 include:

- Introductory computer lessons with volunteer Marion Mason, Ph.D. which are conducted on computers donated to the COA for this purpose.
- The Property Tax Work-Off Program which involved four Weston seniors who contributed valuable help at the Library, Brook School Apartments, the COA and the Middle School Intergenerational Programs. Out of this collaboration intergenerational events with the Middle School Arts Department engaged 30 seniors and 65 students in a crafts demonstration and fine arts show. The children's and senior's art show moved from the school to the COA office for the summer, turning our program room into an art gallery!



The High School Social Awareness Club put on a Saturday morning coffee for Seniors.

- A Telephone Reassurance Program, which consists of a daily check-in call, has been implemented. This program is particularly helpful to those who live alone.

The Council on Aging continues to benefit from the support of many outstanding charitable organizations including St. Peter's Church Telephone Committee, Weston Clergy Association, First Parish Benevolent Alliance and the Friends of the Council. 1997 was highlighted by the Friends raising funds to replace the turtle top bus that was donated by the Rotary Club several years ago. In 1998 the new bus will be purchased and put into service.

We appreciate The Elderly Housing Committee providing COA with office and program space at Brook School Apartments. Grateful thanks are also extended to the Town Hall staff and the Fire, Police and Highway Departments for their kind and faithful service to Weston seniors.

The Council thanks Jonathan White for his outstanding service as Council Chair and is grateful that he remains on the Committee. We welcome new members Kathie Strehle, Pat Jensen and Thomas Perls, M.D., and reluctantly say thanks and goodbye to Alice Douglas.

The Council's staff could not properly serve the town's senior population without the remarkable corps of 201 COA volunteers who gave 8,351 hours of service in 1997. Their contribution allows the COA to maintain a high level of service to the senior population in Weston.

REPORT OF THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members of the Alcohol and Drug Education Advisory Committee (WADEAC) represent organizations and professionals in the community including senior citizens, clergy, health care providers, educators, parents, and the Weston Business Organization. The committee met five times during 1997 to assess the substance abuse educational needs of the community, to generate ideas for programming and resource materials, and to explore sources of additional funding to support programs in the community and public schools. In collaboration with SafeHomes, WADEAC sponsored speaker Richard Ryan who presented an assembly to 8th and 10th grade students and an evening program to parents on personal responsibility and relationships.

WADEAC also partially funded Project Safeguard, a family-based prevention education program for 6th grade students and their parents, designed to address substance abuse and health related issues that impact quality of life.

Emphasis is placed on prevention, developing self-esteem, and improving communication skills. Participation was calculated at 98% of the sixth grade class with at least one parent present. Weston senior citizens were provided with materials on smoking, alcohol use and abuse, over-medication, and self-medication in a mailing from the Council on Aging funded by WADEAC.

A meeting of community members was organized in May to pursue the ideas of Dr. William Damon whose concept of a "Youth Charter" developed from his book, Greater Expectations: Overcoming the Culture of Indulgence in our Homes and Schools. Copies of this book were purchased for each of the public schools and the Weston Public Library. The purpose of the meeting was to understand and discuss the feasibility of developing a "Youth Charter" for Weston. In the absence of interest and members to coordinate the project, no further meetings were planned. Four hundred copies of The Teen Yellow Pages were purchased from the United Way. Copies were made available in the Middle School, High School, Weston Public Library, and at parent meetings.

During the fall WADEAC members participated in a cross-community advisory committee on after-school issues organized by the League of Women Voters. WADEAC supported administration at the high school of the Massachusetts Youth Risk Behavior Survey, the results of which will help to identify areas for educational programs in 1998/1999.

REPORT OF THE CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This year the Cable Advisory Committee focused its efforts on the renewal negotiations relating to the Town's cable license with MediaOne. These negotiations were concluded in early January 1998, with the Town entering into a new cable license with MediaOne.

In connection with the renewal negotiations, the Cable Advisory Committee discussed appropriate renewal requirements and procedures with the Massachusetts Cable Television Commission; conducted a Town cable subscribed survey of MediaOne's performance in February, 1997; held a public hearing in April, 1997, on MediaOne's suitability and eligibility for license renewal; investigated license renewal terms obtained by other towns; held numerous meetings and participated in numerous telephone conferences throughout the year with representatives of MediaOne; reviewed and negotiated drafts of the license renewal agreement prepared by MediaOne; requested and received improvements to the existing institutional network (the "INET"); consulted with the Selectmen, the town administrator and town counsel; and,

at the end of that process, presented to the Selectmen a recommended form of license renewal agreement. That agreement was executed as of January 7, 1998.

The renewal license provides, among other things, for a ten-year non-exclusive license to MediaOne, an \$80,000 equipment package for the high school and the Town's cable television studio, Internet access to the public schools in the Town for the term of the license and the construction of a new INET, using hybrid-fiber-coaxial technology, among public school and municipal buildings. The equipment package and Internet access will be at no cost to the Town. The Town will be required to pay for the new INET but will be able to pass up to 20% of the cost on to cable subscribers.

The Cable Advisory Committee also met with representatives of a competing cable company, RCN, which may, in the future, consider applying for cable license with the Town. Since the Town's renewal license with MediaOne is non-exclusive, the Town would be free to grant such a license. Under the terms of the renewal license with MediaOne, the terms of the competing license must be economically equivalent so that competition may be conducted solely on the basis of price and service among subscribers.

REPORT OF THE COMPUTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nineteen ninety-six change was measured by new hardware, software, networking, and personnel. Nineteen ninety-seven also proved to be a year packed with change; however, ninety-seven established itself as a year where change was measured by fine tuning and adjusting hardware, software, and networking technologies.

The process of fine tuning has been evident throughout the spectrum of technologies. But nowhere has the tuning process been more pronounced than in the Town's Wide Area Network. This network, which connects seven Town buildings, spawned many complaints during the first half of the year, which were, at times, daily.

Town and School computer users use a twelve year old coaxial-cable based system (referred to as the Institutional Loop or I-Loop), provided by MediaOne, for communicating and exchanging information with one another. This system has become outdated and unreliable, resulting in a great deal of frustration and inefficiency. During the year, the possibility of the Town needing a new communication transport medium seemed urgent and likely to cost at least \$100,000. An article was placed on the warrant for the town meeting in December, 1997 to request funds to construct a new I-Loop; however, in the month or two before town meeting, improvements and fine-tuning made

by MediaOne to the coaxial cable resulted in a more stable and reliable network. Because of this improvement in the I-Loop, the article was passed over at town meeting.

The Computer Advisory Committee will continue to evaluate the current I-Loop, and at the same time explore other alternatives. While it is possible that the current network (I-Loop) will provide adequate reliability in the short term, it seems likely that a new data communications solution will be required in the longer term.

The Computer Advisory Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the Selectmen, the Cable Advisory Committee, and especially Don Shapiro for their work with MediaOne in providing a more stable and reliable communication network to the Town.

During 1997 the Town had several conversations with its primary software vendors regarding the "Year 2000" concern. Most agree that no one person or company can or will guarantee that the Town will have an absence of problems. However, after our few remaining Cobol applications are migrated to the Town's fourth generation platform (planned for 1998/1999) many of our concerns will be diminished.

Finally, internal e-mail has been implemented for all departments of the Town connected to the I-Loop. The next step will be to connect the remaining departments to the I-Loop so that they may have access to the internal e-mail system and various Town databases. In addition, a plan for providing external e-mail is being developed, so that employees will have access to the Internet, when needed for Town business, and citizens will have access to Town employees on line.

Ultimately this year's Town Report for Information Systems shares a common theme with last year's report: namely, that of change. The trend is clearly pointing to more and more technological innovation at faster and faster speeds. Rapid change in the technological arena has a fixed presence. Along side this change will be the constant need for *sharing* information. Sharing requires open computing environments, and open environments require the constant demand for *security*. Looking to the year 2000 and beyond, the foundation of managing information systems will be based on the pillars of innovation, sharing, and security.

REPORT OF THE ELDERLY HOUSING COMMITTEE

'Twas a quiet year, as it ought
For the Brook School tenant juggernaut
The Tenant Association did make things better.
It even took over the whole newsletter.

The Elderly Housing Committee did its part
'Fore the heating system failed to start.
It changed the system antiquated.
Now each building has its own boiler updated.

Keeping up with leaks can be a pain.
We updated Building A's roof-just let it rain!
We're set now to tackle all exterior work
From pointing to jointing, we won't shirk.

We've really entered the computer age.
Our new system is quite the rage.
With HUD we're able to combine
Our modem's up, we've gone online.

Last, we add to Mary and Mel
And Jack and Bill someone swell.
Someone who knows how competence wields
It's might for the good—it's Jackie Fields!

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY USES AND SPACE NEEDS FOR PUBLIC LANDS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS

In January, 1997, the Committee made several recommendations to the Board of Selectmen:

1. That the needs of the General Government functions of the Town be located in a combination of the existing Town Hall and the Old Library, and that both buildings be renovated and deferred maintenance completed with this objective in mind.
2. That the Recreation Commission develop a plan that combines private support with public funds to create a recreation structure adjacent to Case House, on land previously made available by the School Committee.

3. That a body be formed to oversee the ongoing maintenance of the Josiah Smith Tavern, including exploring the preservation of the property as a museum.
4. That the current use of the Case House for School purposes be continued, and that the exterior maintenance of the building be improved.
5. That immediate attention should be directed to health and environmental issues related to the Highway Garage, and that further study of the needs of the Department of Public Works be done prior to spending any significant funds for DPW facilities.
6. That the Selectmen and Finance Committee establish a specific program to ensure that each Town Department allocate and spend annually funds sufficient to maintain the properties over which they have control, and the \$250,000 be set as the minimum annual amount to fund these obligations.

At Special Town Meeting in October, 1997, the committee supported the Selectmen's request for funds to study sewage treatment and disposal systems on the Town property along School Street in anticipation of renovation work at the Country and Woodland Schools.

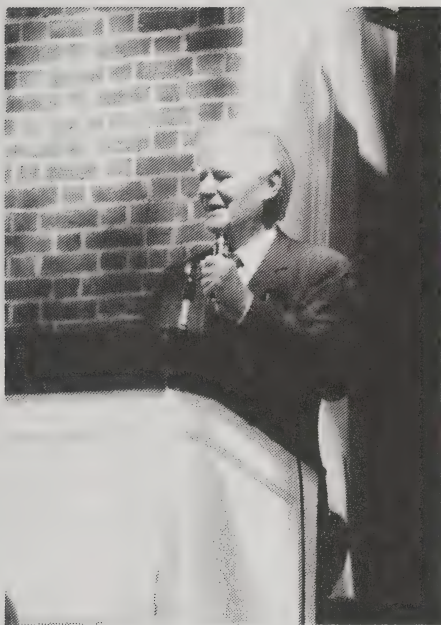
At a Special Town Meeting in December, 1997, the Committee supported the Recreation Commission's request for funds to develop plans and specifications for a proposed recreation facility.

Throughout the year, members of the Committee worked with other Town officials to discuss issues related to the Committee's recommendations and their implementation.

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

The celebration of Memorial Day reminds us that after the battle, we will have to be, in Lincoln's words, "dedicated to the work they nobly advanced." The re-discovery of the monuments in town and the written words inscribed upon them remind us of the sacrifices made by those who came before us.

Weston's 118th Memorial Day ceremonies were held in the traditional location in front of the Town Hall. They began with the ringing of the Paul Revere bell at the First Parish, followed by musical selections by the Weston High School Band conducted by Ronald Mori. Prior to the traditional speech, presented this year by The Honorable Douglas Henderson, welcoming remarks were made by George F. Amadon, Chairman of the Memorial Day Committee.



Douglas Henderson

"We meet today to honor our veterans who have died, were wounded, and served in our armed forces to bring peace and tranquillity to our daily lives. We also honor those who waited, worked and prayed for the safe return of their loved ones."

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Invocation was given by the Rev. Edwin Moreano, Associate Minister of the First Parish Church in Weston. These were followed by the singing of "America The Beautiful," and a selection played by the High School Band.

Mr. Henderson's address covered several facets of the town's history including the recent closing of Weston's American Legion Post, an organization which actively participated in the town's Memorial Day celebrations during its lifetime. Upon its dissolution, the post's flag was turned over to the Town.

The speech was followed by some words from Joseph W. Mullin, one of the Town's Selectmen. The Benediction, offered by the Rev. Jean M. Sullivan, Associate Minister of the First Parish Church in Weston, was followed by the singing of "the Star Spangled Banner" accompanied by the band.

The order of march was established and wreaths were placed in the various places of honor. The American flag was displayed for the last time in this parade before it was retired.

The members of the Memorial Day Committee wish to thank the participants and spectators for their enthusiasm at the Memorial Day Service and parade.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

On December 31, 1997, there were 7,455 active registered voters in the Town of Weston. There were 398 new registrations during the year, while some 296 individuals were dropped from the list due to death or to moving out of the Town. At the end of 1997 approximately 308 voters were listed as inactive.

As a result of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, which became effective on January 1, 1995, and related state legislation, it is now possible to register to vote at the Department of Motor Vehicles and at other state and federal agencies. A voter may also register in the Town Clerk's office, or at special registration sessions held in Weston. Mail-in registration forms are now available in a variety of public places around the state and in the Town.

Each registered voter who is not listed in the census is maintained on an inactive voters list until such voter has failed to vote in two consecutive biennial state elections and has been notified, by mail, of the anticipated removal of his or her name from the inactive voters list.

	Precinct				TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	
Libertarian	2		4	1	7
Inter. 3 rd Party	1	1	3	4	9
Republicans	527	502	467	473	1,969
Democrats	475	432	314	417	1,638
Unenrolled	1,043	956	817	1,016	3,832
	2,048	1,891	1,605	1,911	7,455

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COUNSELOR

The position of Youth Counselor is under the aegis of the Board of Selectmen. Consultation and training opportunities are available at the Human Relations Service of Wellesley.

The Youth Counseling Office provides individual, family and group counseling to young people aged 11-21 who are students in the Weston Public Schools or who reside in the Town. The office also implements various educational and community service programs and consultations to other professionals involved with the area's youth.

David A. Cope, a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, has a Masters Degree from Simmons School of Social Work and a postgraduate certificate from Boston University for advanced clinical work with substance abuse issues. He has been Director of the Counseling Office since September 1990. In 1996 he had 100 clients for individual counseling. In addition, Mr. Cope ran discussion groups for grades 8 - 12 on a weekly basis.

During 1997 the Youth Counselor conducted substance abuse evaluations with most students referred by the Student Assistance Program and the High School administration. He also coordinated the Human Relations Program and the Peer Mediation program.



Taps is played at Memorial Day ceremonies

LAND USE, PLANNING AND ZONING

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Why are Weston's property values so extraordinarily dear? Clearly because the Town's "character" is viewed as preserving a level of privacy, quiet enjoyment and conservation of natural surroundings. This primarily stems from Weston's early adoption in 1928 of restrictive zoning. Thereafter our Zoning By-Law has been strengthened in 1934, 1937 and especially in 1954, with continual revisions in following years to address new concerns and codify wise planning of our land in light of growing pressures.

While these comprehensive restrictions have precluded uncontrolled, haphazard "development," they sometimes pose individual hardships to owners who wish to improve or use their properties in a reasonable way. The variance and special permit provisions afford discretionary relief under special conditions.

Variances: A property owner wishing to enlarge a house or to build a new one may find that some peculiarity of the lot (area, frontage, widths, setbacks) conflicts with otherwise reasonable plans—or that the proposed height of the structure exceeds the defined limit. Since the Inspector of Buildings cannot issue the necessary permit, the remedy is an appeal to the Board. This requires a two-week newspaper publication of the legal notice, along with individual mailed notices to abutters and close neighbors, for the scheduled hearing. The process thus takes more than three weeks plus an additional three-week period required for anyone who wishes to appeal the decision to the courts. These legally mandated delays can be frustrating; occasionally, they may cause expense and even panic to a seller where a bank survey finds an old, previous error by a builder in locating the house over the setback limits.

The authority to grant variances is provided by law under specified and limited conditions; they are permissible only upon a showing of:

- 1) special circumstances making literal enforcement of the restrictions a substantial hardship, and
- 2) where desirable relief may be granted without detriment to the public good and
- 3) without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent of the zoning law.

These three legal requirements must be satisfied, factually supported at the hearing and explained in the Board's written decision.

Special permits may be granted for a variety of exceptional uses of property in instances provided for in the comprehensive “Use Regulations” section of the Zoning By-Law, covering all Districts (residential, multiple dwelling, business, “R&D”, wetlands and Aquifer Protection). The special permit procedure also applies to accessory apartments, nonincidental removal of loam, sand and gravel, and to the storage of vehicles, supplies and equipment in a residential district under special circumstances. In many of these cases the site plan approval procedure must first be followed, or waived, in conjunction with the Planning Board’s prior review. While the special permit procedure allows for wide discretion, it cannot be used as a device for permitting any use contrary to the Zoning By-Law.

The Comprehensive Permit procedure, under the “Anti-Snob Zoning Act ” is quite different. Under this state law a developer qualifying for certain public subsidies may apply to the Board to build low or moderate income housing (as defined in applicable laws and regulations).

Neighbors, formally notified of all hearings, may attend and voice their opinions or concerns. Some cases provoke sharp controversy; a few require continued public hearings over extended period of time. The Board makes a sincere effort to listen to each interested neighbor.

While our zoning restrictions have indeed contributed to Weston’s soaring property values, this has led to some areas of controversy. Land prices have reached such a level that:

1. Relatively modest houses are being demolished for the sites on which to build new, much larger houses.
2. New houses are inevitably large, since owners don’t build smaller or mid-priced houses on land disproportionately expensive in relation to the house itself.
3. The size of some of these proposed new houses has resulted in more applications, especially for “height variances.” The Board has faced increased neighborhood concerns about such variance requests.
4. Historically significant houses may be demolished for the more valuable building sites, so the Town is losing its dwindling number of what many believe are important treasures.
5. The non-availability of reasonably priced houses is driving out older residents physically or financially unable to maintain large homes.

A case of major importance has been pending before the Board of Appeals—as well as the Planning Board and others: the Massachusetts Broken Stone site to be developed into an office park on Route 20 near Route 128. While we cannot here comment upon the merits, we note that a proposed new tenant, Arthur D. Little, has introduced a revised plan with an effort to respond

to the serious concerns of residents in the area. The Board will be fully occupied with the expected successive hearings to resolve this complex matter.

The Board of Appeals' members typically serve for many years. This provides seasoned experience, continuity and collegiality. Unfortunately, Claude Valle has resigned for personal reasons; his wise, excellent judgment and friendly personality will be greatly missed by each of his friends on the Board.

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission is responsible for the protection and management of Weston's natural resources and the administration of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

The administration of the Wetlands Protection Act continues to take over one half the time of the Conservation Commission. A total of 97 hearings were conducted during the year. Persons contemplating any work in or within 100 feet of a wetland, or within 200 feet of a stream which flows continuously throughout the year, should seek information about the Wetlands Protection Act at the Commission's office, which is located in the basement of the Town Hall.

During the past year, the Commission has remained committed to the responsible use and management of the Town Conservation land. Trails, fire roads, and hilltop outlooks have been maintained for public use and enjoyment with most of the funding provided by the Weston Forest and Trail Association.

The Commission enjoyed another year of stewardship of the Case Estate's Forty Acre Field, which was purchased by the town for municipal purposes from Harvard University's Arnold Arboretum. This area has been managed for the Commission by Land's Sake. Land's Sake is a nonprofit, community service organization dedicated to the productive use and maintenance of land in Weston as well as providing education and employment for young people in Weston. Vegetables, flowers, herbs and fruit were available for sale at a farm stand or on a pick-your-own basis. Maintenance of this area continued with brush clearing, mowing, walking path upkeep, and tree work. Land's Sake also continues to maintain the apple orchard on Concord Road.

The Greenpower Farm project continues to be a vital part of the Town's activities. This project is administered by the Conservation Commission and managed for the Commission by Land's Sake. Well over 20,000 pounds of fresh produce was delivered at no cost to homeless shelters and food pantries. About 70 youngsters participated in this program. These young people received a practical introduction to organic farming and gardening. They were

also involved in the distribution of produce to those who needed it. As in the past, land was also made available for community garden plots. Our popular maple syrup project was continued at the "sugar shack" at the Middle School. The commission supported Land's Sake's involvement with environmental education projects which were conducted with the School Department. There is a need to educate our young people about their relationship to the environment so they can be better equipped to handle such issues in the future. Similarly, teachers in biological and social sciences want to incorporate environmental education into their courses, but until recently have been unaware of the local resources available to them.

A forest management plan has been implemented which now provides fire wood and saw logs. By selective cutting and careful management, the Town's forest will ultimately be much more productive and will provide an improved wildlife habitat. Two interpretive and signed trails have been completed on Conservation land, one off Crescent Street and another one in the northwest quadrant of the Town in the Ogilvie Town forest.

During the past several years, a considerable amount of time has been devoted to an MWRA proposal to build a huge water tank on Conservation Land west of the Norumbega Reservoir off Wellesley Street. Recently, this land has been taken by the MWRA. In return, the town has received 12 acres of conservation land on Ash Street close to the Weston Reservoir, and \$3,000,000 with which to purchase additional conservation land to replace the land that has been taken.

Also, during the past year, Land's Sake has been granted a license by the Commission to occupy the Melone Homestead off Crescent Street. This property will provide office space and living quarters for some of their staff. Land's Sake plans to build a greenhouse near the house. There are several fields and a developing sugar bush in the same area which will be used by Land's Sake in the future. A failed sewage disposal system for the house has recently been replaced. This location should make an ideal home for Land's Sake and many of their activities.

REPORT OF THE CRESCENT STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

During 1997, the Crescent Street Historic District Commission held two regular meetings for the discussion of Commission business. No modifications were proposed or made to buildings located within the district.

REPORT OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) is the regional planning agency representing 101 cities and towns in the metropolitan Boston area. Created by an act of the Legislature in 1963, it serves as a forum for state and local officials and provides technical planning assistance and service delivery to its member communities. MAPC works with cities and towns through eight subregional organizations whose members are appointed by chief elected officials and planning boards. The Council provides the subregions with financial, planning and administrative support, and offers technical aid on selected special projects. The agency held at least 15 regularly scheduled meetings each month, of which eight were in the different subregions. MAPC is a designated Economic Development District of the federal Economic Development Administration and, as one of 14 members of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), has oversight responsibility for the region's federally funded transportation program.

After years of concern about the role of local governments in state transportation planning and funding decisions, 1997 saw a landmark achievement in the formation of a new Boston area MPO. The reorganization was the outcome of federally supported mediation, with MAPC serving as a key negotiator for a stronger state/local partnership. MPO voting members now include seven cities and towns, along with seven state and regional agencies, including MAPC. The municipal and regional members of the MPO are responsible for programming about \$40 million per year in local road and bridge projects, about one-third of the total funds available for the metropolitan region. MAPC works with communities to develop a list of local projects to be programmed for funding.

In September, the first Transportation Improvement Program was adopted by the new MPO. The TIP included \$10 million for "Enhancement projects" and \$3 million for Transportation Demand Management (TDM) projects. As a regional planning agency MAPC's role is in both the Enhancement and TDM programs is to solicit proposals and prescreen them for funding eligibility.

The agency also participated in a variety of other transportation related projects. One major effort in 1997 involved working on the Transportation Summit meeting that was held in Springfield. This effort was organized to support the reauthorization of ISTEA and help assure that federal transportation funding for New England is not diminished. MAPC completed a three-year Pavement Management system project that involved the inspection of all federal-aid eligible roadways throughout the entire MAPC region. A report on

the over 3,000 miles of road that were inspected was submitted to the Massachusetts Highway Department.

A new project that was organized last year was the Metropolitan Greenspace Initiative. Over 65 environmental and historic preservation organizations have indicated their interest in participating in this effort. As part of this project the agency has produced a map that illustrates the development growth in the greater Boston area from 1970 to 1991. Related data documents the results of urban sprawl that has occurred showing a 15% growth in land development with only a 55% growth in population. MAPC staff has also been working with graduate students at the Harvard Graduate School of Design on the potential for open space protection as the region continues to grow. During the past year the agency increased its association with the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area planning project with the expectation that the agency will become one of the groups officially involved in the establishment of this new federal/state facility.

MAPC produced a number of publications during 1997. The Data Center also published a report, Top Employers, which listed by community the number of employees per establishment in the region. Other recent projects include a Title 5 compliance computer software application for Ashland and Hopkinton, economic forecasting for several agencies, school enrollment forecasts for several communities, and updates to the community profile series. The Data Center, working with Harvard University and the University of Massachusetts, Boston, also completed a collaborative project known as The Massachusetts Electronic Atlas. This atlas provides access via the Internet to information on the 351 cities and towns in the state. All the information can be downloaded.

The GIS Lab completed numerous projects for both individual communities and the region as a whole. Staff members worked with Watertown on developing a tree inventory for the community. They also completed a wireless communication siting study for one of the subregions, an open space update for another, and a comprehensive regional zoning report for yet another. GIS staff conducted several workshops on parcel data automation and acted as an information resource for municipalities interested in beginning or expanding their GIS programs.

In addition to playing a major role on a number of regional boards and commissions, the staff also applied for and received grants to investigate shared services in one of the subregions and also to help communities deal with the issue of utility deregulation. MAPC continued to participate with the South Weymouth Naval Air Station reuse planning project.

In 1997, the agency also completed a project that focuses on opportunities for bolstering the shoreline seafood processing and distribution industries in the Commonwealth, including an analysis of the importance of the industry to affected coastal communities in Massachusetts.

MAPC updated its Overall Economic Development Program for 1997, analyzing the regional economy and economic development needs and revising the list of projects eligible for federal funds through the Economic Development Administration. The agency administered a Community Adjustment Planning Grant provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to examine community responses to defense industry downsizing and evaluate defense dependencies of small and mid-sized municipalities. The project included several focus groups and a regional forum. A final report on strategies to adjust and diversify local economies in response to reduced defense spending will be completed in early 1998.

REPORT OF THE METROWEST GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The MetroWest Growth Management Committee (MWGMC) is an advisory coalition of the Towns of Ashland, Framingham, Natick, Southborough, Sudbury, Wayland, Wellesley, Weston, the City of Marlborough, and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC). Each of the nine communities is represented by one Selectmen or Mayor/City Councilor and one Planning Board member; the MAPC is represented by its Executive Director and/or Deputy Director. Each community, including the MAPC, has one vote.

The Committee is funded by local assessments from each member community. The Town of Natick provides office space in its Town Hall and the MAPC provides accounting and technical services to the Committee as in-kind contributions. Weston's assessment was \$4,409 in Fiscal Year 1997 and in Fiscal Year 1998. During those two years the Town was represented on the MWGMC by Selectman Joseph Mullin and Planning Board Member Kate Detwiler. The Executive Committee of MWGMC includes a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Clerk, Member-at-Large, and a member of the previous Executive Committee. The staff consists of a paid Director and an Administrative Assistant.

The MWGMC is comprised of task forces and standing committees the purpose of which is to focus on topics which members deem to be important to this geographic subregion of the state. These taskforces and committees review proposals deemed to have regional impacts, under a process that was created to provide better understanding of development projects in the region, and to mitigate their negative and to enhance their positive aspects.

Regular Activities

Regular MWGMC Meetings are scheduled once a month, during which time members exchange information and discuss regional actions concerning growth and development. Issue-specific presentations are highlighted at this time.

MWGMC Regional Impact Reviews (RIRs) are conducted when development proposals attain previously determined impact thresholds. RIRs enable the MWGMC to provide a credible, legally defensible, timely and effective review of development proposals which cause regional impacts not usually addressed in a local review process. These reviews are conducted by *ad hoc* RIR Committees, which come into existence to review the impacts of specific projects and are composed of designated representatives of the host community, two abutting communities and a “neutral” community.

Task forces meet according to member determined schedules, generally on a monthly basis. Presently active MWGMC task forces include:

The MetroWest Managers Task Force,
The MetroWest Bicycle/Pedestrian Task Force,
The MetroWest Water Resources Task Force,
The MetroWest Open Space Task Force,
The MetroWest Transportation Task Force; and
The MWRA Coalition of Local Working Groups.

Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA)

In June, 1995, MWGMC voted to enter into a three year Technical Services contract with the MWRA. This contract enabled seven communities to receive consultant services to help review complicated MWRA filings concerning the MetroWest Water Supply Tunnel and related capital projects. To date, impacts such as traffic, noise, blasting vibration and construction procedures have been addressed by the MWGMC. The MWGMC’s role thus far has resulted in:

- receipt of more than \$160,000 in consulting services as of June, 1997;
- formation of a very successful coalition of local working groups,
- the filing of high quality, detailed MEPA comments several times during the year by the MWGMC, which comments have prompted the MWRA to amend and improve its plans, and
- creation of the “Project Oversight Committee” to oversee a contract under which a consulting firm will:
 - a. Develop a model for use in determining the market value of Public conservation lands;
 - b. Conduct a feasibility study for public access to “Lands Reserved for Water Protection” and/or lands owned by MWRA or MDC, which land is no longer needed for water protection.



Norumbega Reservoir

It is anticipated that the MWRA will agree to carryover unexpended funds from the original contract to continue this pilot project, since that agency has expressed its satisfaction that an intermunicipal approach with efficient, high quality reviews and negotiations, has improved the overall project design.

The MWGMC has been supporting the Weston Selectmen and the Conservation Commission, as well as all local Working Groups within other MWGMC communities, in informing residents regarding land agreements with the MWRA.

Metropolitan Planning Organization

In 1996, the MWGMC worked closely with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, to undertake a re-organization of the Greater Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), a federally mandated organization which reviews federal transportation funding requests.

As constituted more than 25 years ago the MPO was a state agency-dominated organization and resisted the "local government" point of view, which resistance was contrary to the intentions of a federal statute. This domination began to change in 1997, and in February the first elections for a more locally controlled MPO were held. Weston supported the Town of Framingham (which won a 2 year seat on the board).

As a result of these changes the MetroWest Transportation Taskforce has begun working with the new MPO and a planning organization called the Joint Regional Transportation Committee to educate our communities about the changes being made in state and federal transportation funding procedures. It is the goal of the MWGMC to guarantee that localities use available transportation grant funds to the greatest extent possible, in order to improve the mobility of people and goods throughout this area.

Municipal Incentive Grant (MIG)

The MWGMC recently applied for and received a \$60,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) or its nine members, the twelve communities which comprise the Minuteman Advisory Group on Inter-local Cooperation, plus the towns of Dover, Holliston, Hopkinton, Medfield, Needham, Northborough, and Sherborn; (a total of 28 communities). The purpose of the grant is to assist communities in understanding the intricacies of the electric utility deregulation process, (opportunities and pitfalls); to provide them with specific data with for making informed decisions regarding electric power options; and to enter into the most cost efficient contract for the continuation of municipal electric power.

The Massachusetts Turnpike Authority - Turnpike Advisory Board

The legislation that created the Metropolitan Highway System, also established the first Massachusetts Turnpike Advisory Board. Created with a limited purpose, this board may only comment on real estate development proposals relative to the Turnpike and its Right of Way between Route 128 and the New York border. In 1997 the Authority issued Requests For Proposals for development proposals at eight sites including two in Weston (the Tandem Trailer lot on Route 30 and the baseball field on Park Road). Nine proposals for the Weston sites were received. These will be considered by the Turnpike Authority in 1998. A 2/3 vote of the Weston Town Meeting would be required for approval of any of these proposals, as changes in the zoning of these sites would also be needed.

Open Space Maps

At the request of MWGMC, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council finalized a series of Open Space Maps for the nine member communities, These "GIS" maps show all forms of open space (including protected farms, easements, state, federal and local conservation lands). by ownership category, (such as government, private non-profit, temporary private easement, tax agreement). Unfortunately, despite MWRA and MDC information taken directly from state GIS maps, the initial data on these maps was inaccurate. However, 3-5 maps will be distributed to each member community for use in development reviews and open space planning as soon as they are corrected.

Legislative Caucus

The MWGMC held its annual legislative caucus early in 1997 in order to discuss policy positions with MetroWest legislators on a timely basis. This caucus has proven to have a meaningful impact on the outcome of legislative initiatives important to local government. This year's topics included: abolition of counties; MWRA rates; state and local bond caps; land use planning, the Central Mass. Rail Trail bicycle path; deregulation of electric companies; new telephone area codes; school building formulas; local control of retirement boards; fast track tax foreclosures; and taxation of new development.

Other Activities

Other MWGMC activities in 1997 included:

- technical assistance in obtaining grants for member communities. This consisted of informing local officials of available opportunities, providing information the application process and advice on specific applications, including such subjects as Strategic Planning, Transportation Demand Management, and the Open Space and Enhancement program;
- weekly mailings to all member communities about immediate economic development opportunities generated through requests to the Massachusetts Alliance for Economic Development.

The projects which the MetroWest Growth Management Committee undertakes would be enormously costly and time consuming for each community to accomplish by themselves. The Board is proud of the Committee's accomplishments and of its state-wide reputation as a successful intermunicipal, cooperative organization which other groups of elected and appointed officials seek to imitate.

REPORT OF THE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Open Space and Recreation Planning committee completed its report in the Fall of 1996. After consultation with the Division of Conservation Services - Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, a revised report with an action plan map was conditionally approved through January, 2002. The plan will receive final approval once the ADA/Section 504 Handicap Access Self-Evaluation has been completed. This material has been submitted to the Committee for Implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The DCS commented that the Open Space Committee "has done an outstanding job on this plan. What an incredible group of volunteers!"

Copies of the plan (revised Summer, 1997) have been given to many Town boards and town officials. There are copies at the library. A further printing was done by the Weston Land Trust and reports can be purchased by contacting that group.

The report listed twelve action items that were important to address in the next five years. This is an update on progress on these items.

1. **Protect key parcels:** Protect through acquisition, conservation easements or other means, parcels and parts of parcels of the highest scenic and historic character. *Case Estates, Gateways Farm Dickson Farm, Paine Land - Highland Street, Coburn Land - Church Street.*

Progress: Spring Town Meeting 1997. Coburn land at 153 Church Street acquired.

2. **Protect the integrity of Weston and Norumbega Reservoirs, land around the reservoirs and aqueducts.** Acquire trail easements along aqueducts and allow public access to MWRA land where possible.

Progress:

- (a) Twelve acres of land adjacent to the Weston Reservoir was acquired by the town as part of the MWRA settlement.
 - (b) A regional committee has been established by the Metro West Growth Management to study the access issues of the aqueducts that go from town to town.
 - (c) A local committee has been formed as a sub-group of the Weston Working Group. This committee has met with the MWRA to discuss access issues.
3. **Investigate the need for future cemetery land.** Although it is not anticipated that more cemetery space will be needed for 25-30 years, this future land use need must be considered by the town.



4. **Investigate the need and site for two additional playing fields.** This is an expressed need for the School Department, Recreation Commission and the town in general. Existing fields are already overused.
5. **Plan for Better Facilities and Technologies** - for all departments and groups involved in protecting and enhancing land use in the Town.
Progress: The Land Use and Public Buildings Committee has completed recommendations which include support for a new recreation building and renovation of the old library for town offices.
6. **Study staffing and funding** - for all departments and groups involved in protecting and enhancing natural, scenic or historic resources in the Town.
Progress: Town Planner time has been increased.
7. **Form an ongoing organizational arrangement to:**
 - **Continue work** - on open space and natural resource protection,
 - **Monitor progress** - on recommendations in the Open Space Report,
 - **Consider application for grant** - for Open Space Bond monies.**Progress:** A Land Bank Study Committee was appointed by the Selectmen.
8. **Develop plans to preserve and protect the town's historic resources,** including maintenance schedule for town-owned historic buildings.
9. **Continue maintenance of horticultural resources of the town,** especially plantings around town buildings, parks and cemeteries.
Progress: Under the Weston Historical commission guidance, a program is beginning on revitalization and renewed upkeep of two historical plantings. The DPW is also working on traffic island beautification.
10. **Continue and improve care of street trees.**
Progress: A professional arborist has been hired as a part-time temporary Tree Warden.
11. **Encourage increased access to and use of existing town conservation land.** Create simple trail guides giving information about wildlife and geological characteristics. Include descriptions of site features and historical perspective. Include maps. Consider the needs for handicapped access to town owned land.
Progress: The Weston Conservation Commission and the Weston Forest and Trail Association have created new signs encouraging use of trails by bikes and horses only during dry seasons and including other suggestions to keep the trails safe and in good conditions.
12. **Promote safer biking. Explore the use of abandoned railroad tracks for hiking, running, biking.**
Progress: A warrant article to enable Weston to join the design phase of the Wayside Rail Trail was defeated at a December, 1997 Special Town Meeting.

Other things that have occurred that relate to open space issues include:

- The Town received \$3 million to be used to acquire conservation land, in connection with the MWRA settlement. The Conservation Commission will make recommendations that will be reviewed by the Selectmen.
- The Conservation Commission has undertaken a series of articles in the town newspaper that informs the public about wetland protection issues as well as issues of conservation interest.
- The Weston Land Trust has a program to help landowners with land planning issues. The Trust also organized a public meeting on easements. Material on the subject can be obtained through the Land Trust or the Conservation Commission Office.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board is responsible for land division in Town as well as the review of specific development proposals. Development activity continues, and as a result, the Board has met 41 times and held numerous public hearings and site walks. Many of the public hearings were continued due to the complexity of a project.

In 1997 the Board:

- i) approved three flexible developments under the Flexible Zoning Bylaw;
- ii) utilized regulations that enable the Board to impose project review fees on developers so that the Board may hire outside consultants for review of a project;
- iii) made one density determination for flexible development;
- iv) approved one conventional subdivision plan;
- v) approved one project under Site Plan Approval;
- vi) amended two approved subdivision plans;
- vii) reviewed seven Site Plan Approval applications under the newly adopted Residential Gross Floor Area requirement (RGFA);
- viii) reviewed several significant projects in Town including:
 - a proposal for rezoning a 14 acre parcel of land from single family residential to multi family residential on South Avenue;
 - proposals for 2 Massachusetts Turnpike Authority parcels on South Avenue and Riverside Road;
 - reviewed and approved an application for a personal wireless service facility (a building mounted antennae) at Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman Tennis Center.

Approval Not Required Plans

The Board endorsed six "Approval Not Required Plans" under the Subdivision Control Law which created new or reconfigured lots with existing street frontage. These included two lots on North Avenue, across from Drabington Way; two lots on Church Street that divided 153 Church Street from the abutting meadow; a division of the Dickson property on Highland Street creating one large parcel with the existing house of 22 acres and a 6.6 acre parcel; exchange of 536 s.f. between 13 and 15 Highland Street; division of 29 Webster Road into two lots; exchange of land from county layout to 593 North Avenue.

Site Plan Approval

The Board reviewed and approved eight projects under the Site Plan Approval provision of the Weston Zoning Bylaw:

- A proposal by Gaston Andrey, Inc. for an automobile repair shop for Ferrari automobiles at 596 Boston Post Road;
- Seven applications for single family homes that exceeded the Residential Gross Floor Area Ratio, including new homes at: 52 Chestnut Street; Lot B and Lot # 6 Claridge Drive; Lot # 8, Love Lane; 29 Webster Road; 33 Meadowbrook Road; and 1 Skating Pond Road.

Density Determination for Flexible Development

The Board made one density determination for a proposed development under the Flexible Development provision to the Zoning Bylaw. The purpose of the density determination is to determine the number of houses allowed under a conventional development. This establishes the allowable maximum density for a flexible development.

An eight lot maximum density was determined for the parcel at 171 Church Street submitted by Coldstream Limited Partnership.

Flexible Development Plans

The Board approved an eight lot Flexible Development Plan for a twenty-one acre parcel of land at 171 Church Street. The parcel is mostly undeveloped woodland and meadow and contains an 1841 farm house and out building. Four kettle hole ponds are located on the site.

The parcel was previously classified as GL. 61B property and received a lower tax assessment. A task force consisting of members of the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Weston Land Trust was formed to protect the visual and historic integrity of the area. In exchange for the Town's waiver of its right of first refusal to purchase the property or assign its option to a non profit conservation organization, an Agreement was signed between the Town and Robert Buonato and David Valletta, Trustees of Crooked Stick Realty

Trust. The terms of this Agreement specified that the Board would review and adopt a flexible plan that was proposed in a manner consistent with Town planning objectives and the developers would use a part of the revenue from the house lots to pay the Town for purchase of the adjacent meadow and house at 153 Church Street. Town Meeting approved purchase of the property and land. The Town will sell the house at 153 Church Street and maintain the abutting meadow as open space. Architectural restrictions are imposed on the historic houses at 171 and 153 Church Street.

A five lot Flexible Plan was approved for the Stambaugh parcel at 474 Concord Road. Four new homes will be constructed in this 11.4 acre development. An existing house is located on the site. The plan includes a protected buffer area that runs along the frontage of Concord Road.

A six lot Flexible Development Plan was approved for the 8.5 acre parcel at 55 Loring Road. The Applicant is Fortune Five of Weston, Inc. The parcel contains an existing home. The Plan includes a generous buffer area around the perimeter of the lots, a lot located on River Road devoted to open space, and the creation of specific architectural restrictions incorporated as deed restrictions for the proposed houses.

The Board approved an amendment to a three lot Subdivision Plan previously approved for Acorn Lane, at 278 Concord Road and to a six lot flexible development at 55 Loring Road. The amendment for both these plans involved the process for installation of Town water at the subdivision.

Conventional Subdivision Plans

The Board approved a 2 lot conventional subdivision plan at #24 Silver Hill Road. The Applicants are Gail and William Donnelly.

Special Projects

Massachusetts Broken Stone Property

Meetings with Arthur D. Little Inc. of Cambridge have begun to discuss the relocation of their headquarters to the Massachusetts Broken Stone site.

Zoning Amendments

The Planning Board proposed and the Town adopted four amendments to the Zoning Bylaw at the Annual Town Meeting. Two out of the four amendments were developed as an outgrowth of the meetings the Board held with residents on ways in which the Town can reduce the impact of new construction on the rural character of the community. The first amendment established a 50 foot increase in minimum frontage requirements in all single family residence districts for lots created after May 12, 1998, unless a developer was willing to use flexible development to subdivide the property.

The second zoning amendment established a Residential Gross Floor Area Ratio (RGFA) for all single family residence districts. This ratio applies only to construction of new homes. If the proposed house exceeds 10% of the lot area or 6,000 s.f., Site Plan Approval must be obtained from the Planning Board.

The third amendment to the Zoning Bylaw allowed certain types of uses by Special Permit in municipally owned buildings that were less than 1500 s.f. and located in single family residence district. This amendment to the Bylaw applies solely to the historic Fiske Law Office located on the Boston Post Road.

The fourth amendment established a 6 month moratorium on the construction of Personal Wireless Service Facilities (towers or mounted antennas) in the Town in order for the Planning Board to develop reasonable regulations for their placement.

The Planning Board proposed, and the Town adopted at a Special Town Meeting on December 9, an amendment to establish two Personal Wireless Service Facility Districts, in which, by Special Permit, there may be constructed either building mounted antennae, a monopole, or "stealth" antennae, hidden in a church steeple or municipal building.

At a Special Town Meeting on October 20, a proposal was submitted by Glenfeld East, Inc. to rezone a 15 acre parcel off Glenfeld East from Single Family Residence District A to Multi Family Residence B. The proposal included construction of 45 owner occupied, age-restricted condominium units in 14 separate buildings. A covenant giving the Planning Board authority to revise the submitted site plan and architectural design to its satisfaction was signed by the owners, contingent on Town Meeting approval. The Planning Board recommended approval of the rezoning; however, it was not adopted by the Town Meeting.

Finally, the Planning Board would like to thank Beverly Gotovitch for her creative secretarial assistance.

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

During 1997 the Town's Emergency Management System was activated once for the severe snow storm that occurred on April 1st.

Contact was maintained at the state level with attendance at several Area-1 Massachusetts Emergency Management meetings at which updates were presented on emergency management topics and procedures.

A complete revision of the Town's Emergency Plan has been started as the required by statute and will be implemented upon completion.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calendar 1997 produced 1,657 incidents requiring the services of the Weston Fire Department and included several serious fire incidents which caused over a million dollars in damage. We can be thankful for another year in which no life was lost due to fire, but the fact remains that fire continues to bring tragedy and destruction to communities such as ours despite a constant watchfulness on the part of our citizens and continued fire prevention activities by fire departments. It only takes a small error such as leaving cooking unattended or some other relatively simple mistake to create a major tragedy. At the very least, a small fire in one's home can mean displacement of an entire family for several months while repairs take place. Please remember to keep a constant eye on simple things which are so simple they are usually overlooked when one thinks of fire safety.

During 1997 the Department's apparatus and equipment was kept in good condition through the preventive maintenance program supervised by the Department Mechanic.

The municipal fire alarm system was tested and maintained under the supervision of the Superintendent of Fire Alarm.

During 1997, the Department continued the quarterly inspection program required by law in all public buildings, municipal buildings, nursing homes, churches, day care centers and camps. All of the Town's commercial properties were also inspected on a periodic basis. New and replacement oil burners were inspected and permits issued. Other fire prevention activities included the inspection of auxiliary and home fire protection systems, flammable liquid



storage facilities and tanker vehicles, underground fuel tank removals, blasting operations and several other ancillary areas of public safety. Quarterly fire exit drills were conducted in all public and private schools and college dormitories.

We continue to stress the importance of equipping every home with smoke detectors to provide early warning for evacuation should a fire occur. It is equally important that the smoke detectors be maintained and kept in good working order. This can be accomplished by an annual vacuum cleaning and replacement of batteries for those which have them. It is a good idea to set up a program whereby this annual maintenance is conducted at the same time as you change your clocks, either in the fall or spring. A review of your family fire escape plans should be part of the program at least semi-annually.

We have continued to update the Department's level of professionalism. All department personnel have participated in continuing training and education in firefighting and emergency medical techniques.

Several CPR Courses were given to the public during the year by the Department's certified instructors. These courses provide training in the conduct of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiac Care should the need arise. This training has proven to be a life saver in many cases and many are alive today thanks to a trained civilian who provided early intervention at the scene of a cardiac arrest before emergency service personnel arrived. We do conduct these courses periodically or will schedule according to a specific need. Please call if you wish to be contacted when the next course is offered.

Other activities of the Weston Fire Department remained for the most part constant with those of other years. Considerable time and effort was placed into the preparation for the MWRA Water Projects which started in September. Several dedicated firefighters spend considerable time on their own researching and investigating exactly what the department will require in terms of

equipment and training to properly provide services for these projects and they are to be commended for their efforts.

As we move on to another year we are continually examining ourselves to see how we can improve upon and maintain the services that benefit the Town in the most in the most cost effective manner. One thing that is very clear at this time is that the manpower level of the Weston Fire Department has remained constant since 1972 while we are being called upon to answer simultaneous calls with ever increasing frequency. On several occasions we have had to delay response due to the lack of personnel. With the ever increasing call for services and the growth that the Town is experiencing, the time is here for serious consideration of increasing the on duty strength of the department. We will be addressing those concerns through the budget process in early 1998.

This report is concluded with an expression of gratitude and appreciation to all of the officers and firefighters of the Weston Fire Department for their wholehearted cooperation and support and for their efficient and dedicated service. Thanks also go to the citizens of Weston, the Honorable Board of Selectmen, members of the Finance Committee and many others who have supported our efforts directly and indirectly during this year.

DEPARTMENT STATISTICS
For the Year Ending December 31, 1997

In 1997 the Weston Fire Department responded to 94 Bell Alarms and 1,563 Still Alarms for a total of 1,657 Alarms as follows:

FIRE INCIDENTS	158
AMBULANCE INCIDENTS	717
OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES	782

Mutual Aid was received 36 times from our neighboring communities during 1997 and we reciprocated to our neighbors on 60 occasions. The Emergency Ambulance Service responded to a total of 717 incidents as follows:

<u>Responded to:</u>		<u>Transport To Hospitals</u>	<u>Transport Not Required</u>
526	Medical Emergencies	367	159
148	Motor Vehicle Accidents	94	54
43	Fires/Other Incidents	29	14

Summary of Incidents Answered - 10 Year Period

1988	1,255 Incidents	
1989	1,207 Incidents	10 Year Average: 1,389
1990	1,128 Incidents	
1991	1,257 Incidents	
1992	1,261 Incidents	
1993	1,346 Incidents	5 Year Average: 1,556
1994	1,418 Incidents	
1995	1,535 Incidents	3 Year Average: 1,672
1996	1,825 Incidents	
1997	1,657 Incidents	

Permits Issued Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws

Burning Permits	1,119
Blasting Permits	30
Carpet Installations	6
LP Gas Storage Permits	13
Tank Truck Inspections	1
Explosives Storage Permits	2
Flammable Liquid Storage Permits	2
Underground Tank Removal Permits	25
Oil Burner Installations/ Alterations	42
Fire Alarm Systems - New Construction	40
Fire Alarm Systems - Residential Sales	237

1997 Revenue

Turned over to the Town Treasurer (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 1997)	
Fees for Ambulance Services	\$ 89,676.66
Services to MA Turnpike Authority	14,150.00
All Other Revenues Received	<u>1,782.00</u>
Total Revenue Generated	\$ 105,608.66

Department Apparatus Inventory

<u>Apparatus</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Year Purchased</u>
Car - 2	4-WD Pickup Truck	1993
Car - 3	4-WD Pickup Truck	1987
Engine - 1	1,250 GPM Pumper	1996
Engine - 2	750 GPM Pumper	1975
Engine - 3	1000 GPM Pumper	1990
Engine - 4	1000 GPM Pumper	1985
Engine - 5	4-WD Brush Truck	1991
Engine - 6	750 GPM Pumper	1970
Ladder - 1	85' Aerial Ladder	1977
Chief's Car	Ford Crown Victoria	1994
Ambulance - 1	1992 Braun ERV	1992
Ambulance - 2	1983 Braun ERV	1983
Boat & Trailer	14' Flat Bottom	1973
Fire Alarm Truck	36' Aerial Bucket	1981

Weston Fire Department - 1997

Permanent Personnel

<u>Rank</u>		<u>Appointed</u>
Chief	John E. Thorburn	1961
Captain	John C. Ryan	1963
Captain	Kenneth H. McRae	1967
Captain/EMT	Peter M. Perrin	1966
Captain	David L. MacLeod	1966
Lieutenant/EMT	Gary L. MacLeod	1968
Lieutenant	Louis J. Young	1963
Lieutenant	Peter J. Walsh	1966
Lieutenant/EMT	Edmund M. Walker	1987
Supt. of Fire Alarm/EMT	Alan J. Lazzari	1972
Dept. Mechanic/EMT	John H. Finnerty	1977
Firefighter	Paul F. Young	1967
Firefighter	Charles F. MacLeod, Jr.	1971
Firefighter	Daniel J. Robertson	1972
Firefighter	Kenneth F. Daniels	1972
Firefighter/EMT	Dwight F. Robertson	1981
Firefighter/EMT	William J. Hourihan	1982
Firefighter/EMT	Paul B. Nicholas, Jr.	1985
Firefighter/EMT	Robert S. Sinclair	1986
Firefighter/EMT	Michael J. Tuttle	1988

Firefighter/EMT	Antony C. Baker	1988
Firefighter/EMT	Donald C. Bardsley	1988
Firefighter/EMT	Craig R. Johnston	1989
Firefighter/EMT	Stephen G. Carter	1989
Firefighter/EMT	Peter E. Richardson	1991
Firefighter/EMT	Todd P. Munson	1992
Firefighter/EMT	John J. Cronin	1993
Firefighter/EMT	J. Terrence Notartomaso	1994
Firefighter/EMT	Brenda M. Seeley	1996

Call-Firefighters

<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointed</u>
Peter G. Palmgren	1965
Philip J. Gardent	1972
William C. Leiser	1973
Robert G. Hutchinson	1975
Kurt D. Upham	1987
Kevin A. Tuttle	1991
Barret W. Gilchrist	1991
John J. Babstock	1992
Kristen A. Piro*	1996
Joshua W. Newbury	1996
Robert M. Billings	1996
Mark R. Forbes	1996
Christopher P. Marchetti	1996
Jonathan W. Young	1996

* Temporary Permanent: 9/15/96-2/7/97

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND WIRES

FISCAL YEAR 1997 AND 5-YEAR SUMMARY REPORT

	1997				1996				1995			
	Permits Issued (Number)	Estimated Value (Dollars)	Fees (Dollars)		Permits Issued (Number)	Estimated Value (Dollars)	Fees (Dollars)		Permits Issued (Number)	Estimated Value (Dollars)	Fees (Dollars)	
Single Family Residence	38	\$ 24,958,440	\$ 60,871		62	\$ 22,060,857	\$ 52,950		28	\$ 12,276,560	\$ 27,465	
Multiple Dwelling District	-	-	-		-	-	-		-	-	-	
New Building-Commercial	-	-	-		2	1,073,400	5,368		1	2,723,900	10,000	
Additions/Alterations/												
Repairs (Residential)	246	14,156,985	82,410		242	10,724,112	48,925		231	9,578,605	38,542	
Additions/Alterations/												
Repairs (Commercial)	10	12,352,800	2,195		7	610,310	3,170		5	3,250,000	12,365	
Other Construction/												
Residential	91	944,722	7,024		62	1,449,583	5,047		72	465,382	3,064	
Other Construction/												
Commercial/Municipal	16	215,825	2,405		18	163,360	1,070		4	225,925	1,150	
Other Construction and												
Periodic Inspections	14	-	585		20	-	920		18	-	1,110	
Total Construction	415	\$ 27,670,332	\$ 155,490		413	\$ 36,081,622	\$ 117,450		359	\$ 28,520,372	\$ 93,696	
Gas Permits	377		5,972		299		2,735		292		2,430	
Plumbing Permits	402		12,431		372		10,404		392		9,458	
Wiring Permits	469		26,280		506		26,216		423		22,442	
Total Fees			\$ 200,173				\$ 39,355				\$ 34,330	

	1994			1993		
	Permits Issued (Number)	Estimated Value (Dollars)	Fees (Dollars)	Permits Issued (Number)	Estimated Value (Dollars)	Fees (Dollars)
Single Family Residence	26	\$ 10,559,660	\$ 25,750	34	\$ 14,342,343	\$ 32,150
Multiple Dwelling District	5	2,000,000	1,000	-	-	-
New Building-Commercial	1	1,090,000	-	2	5,000,375	-
Additions/Alterations/ Repairs (Residential)	228	10,730,776	47,581	219	7,399,865	35,704
Additions/Alterations/ Repairs (Commercial)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Construction/ Residential	89	913,675	5,042	4	10,030,000	14,650
Other Construction/ Commercial/Municipal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Construction and Periodic Inspections	40	-	790	86	497,778	3,218
Total Construction	389	\$ 25,294,411	\$ 80,163	345	\$ 37,270,361	\$ 85,722
Gas Permits	284		2,522	271		2,300
Plumbing Permits	371		12,832	331		7,880
Wiring Permits	389		18,805	364		16,762
Total Fees			\$ 114,322			\$ 112,664

REPORT OF THE PARKING CLERK

When a parking ticket is issued in Weston, the recipient is required to submit payment or request a hearing within twenty-one (21) days. If neither occurs within that time a hearing date is automatically set and an attempt is made to notify the vehicle owner. If the ticket is not paid or dismissed by the Parking Clerk on or before the hearing date, then the owner's name, address, vehicle registration and operator's license numbers are submitted to the Registry of Motor Vehicles. This submission to the Registry constitutes the marking for non-renewal of the owner's driver's license and vehicle registration. Such a mark can only be cleared when all outstanding parking fines are paid, along with an additional \$20.00 processing fee for each marked violation.

Safety issues are of primary concern to Weston's Police Department in issuing parking tickets. In considering safety, emphasis is placed on the ability of emergency vehicles to gain access to all areas of the town and the schools in particular. School buses also require ready access to the schools in order to meet their schedules. Parked cars which obstruct such access will continue to be ticketed on a regular basis. Another problem area is the parking lot at Memorial Pool, especially on very hot days. Please be sure to park in the marked spaces only, and to pay attention to posted NO PARKING signs. The signs and lines are there to help maintain safe conditions in this very congested lot.

Drivers are reminded that parking in crosswalks is illegal. The safety of pedestrians and other drivers as well as the ability of emergency vehicles to proceed should be considered by drivers when parking their cars. The Police Department also enforces the 2-hour parking limit which prevails throughout much of Weston Center. The availability of convenient parking for customers of town businesses is beneficial to the businesses and to the town as a whole.

During 1997 the number of parking tickets issued more than doubled. This increase is a result of the continuing activities of the bicycle patrol in the Town Center and of the emphasis that new Police Chief Charles Mayo has put on enforcement of all traffic laws.

Questions may be addressed to the Parking Clerk at Town Hall or to the Weston Police Department.

Summary of tickets issued and fines collected during 1997:

Tickets issued:	442	Fines levied:	\$ 5,535.00
Tickets dismissed:	34	Fines dismissed:	\$ 470.00
Tickets paid:	344	Total collected:	\$ 4,567.00

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

It is hard to believe that a year has gone by since Chief Mayo moved to Weston from Stow. It has been a very busy year and the Chief would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, various other Town Boards and Department Heads, the employees of the Police Department and the citizens of Weston for making his first year as the Town's Police Chief such a rewarding experience. Please remember that the Police Department is here to serve you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The call you make to the police may stop a crime or save a life, so don't be afraid to call.

The Weston Police Department made 103 arrests in 1997, an increase of 37% over the previous year. The offenses ranged from simple trespass to assault and battery. Twenty nine of these arrests were a direct result of efforts to clean up the illegal activities in the Recreation Road and Norumbega Point areas. In conjunction with the Massachusetts State Police, several sweep operations of these areas were conducted. This operations were followed up by a consistent presence by police in an effort to discourage the persistent problems in this section of the Town.

A major priority initiated during the year was the establishment of a program aimed at reducing the number of traffic accidents in Weston. Traffic accidents not only endanger the lives and safety of our residents, they also impact upon everyone's annual automobile insurance bills, something we all enjoy receiving each December, just prior to the holidays.

In 1996, the department investigated a total of 412 motor vehicle accidents and in 1997 the total was 311, a decrease of 101 or 25%. This decrease is directly tied to the increased efforts of the Patrol Force to enforce moving violations, and by the Selected Traffic Enforcement Program, of which the Weston Speed Watch is a part.

The Weston Speed Watch Group, headed by Mr. Lee Engler, was implemented this past year to help the Weston Police educate the public and encourage adherence to posted speeds. Thanks are due to Lee and all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication. As a result of their efforts the Department mailed approximately 1500 letters to speed violators during the period this group was active. Thanks to the Governors Highway Safety Program, the postage, printing and manpower expenses were paid for by the State.

Officer Joyal, continued his Bicycle Patrol this past year. Each day that weather permits from April through November, he spends four hours in the cruiser and four hours on the bike. This program has proven very popular with the town's business community and residents alike.

Officer Hines hosted a group of Russian children for a day last summer. These children, ranging in age from 10 to 17, were given a tour of the Police Station and then treated to a swim at Fire Chief Thorburn's residence. Thank you John, for your kind and generous help.

Many other incidents kept us busy throughout the year from a major house fire on Conant Road, to an armed robbery at the Federal Savings Bank. The following is the statistical breakdown of activity for 1997.

WESTON POLICE DEPARTMENT **1997 Statistics**

Abandoned motor vehicles	1
Automobile accidents investigated	311
Persons reported injured	
Accidents involving bicycles	5
Accidents involving pedestrians	4
Accidents - fatal	0
Accidents involving deer	25
Automobile thefts	1
Recovered	0
Thefts outside Weston, recovered	0
Bicycle thefts	5
Recovered	4
Burglar alarms investigated	2,050
Officers responding to burglar alarms	2,562
Complaints and investigations (excluding dog)	9,006
Complaints referred to Animal Control Officer	71
Lost/stray dogs reported	135
Report of dog bites	14
Domestic Abuse Orders	22
Received from courts and others	30
Emergency orders served	9
Orders violated	3
E911 emergency calls recorded	249
Fire Department, assist on calls (other than rescue calls)	255
Indecent exposings reported	3
Lockouts, auto/home	51
Lost property found in Weston	36
Property returned to owner	11
Obscene phone calls reported	10
Street lights reported out	280
Sudden deaths investigated	11
Threat/letters/calls	8
Telephoned bomb scare	0

Traffic warnings forwarded to Registry	1,507
Civil citations forwarded to Registry	963
Trespassing	10
Civil fines assessed	\$ 60,435
Acts of vandalism reported	148
Vacant houses reported to Police	677
Total miles traveled by Department in 1996	314,159

Major Crimes Reported to Police in 1997:

Armed robbery	1
Assault and Battery	14
Burglaries Reported	13
Forcible entry	6
Unlawful entry - no force	3
Attempts	7
Larcenies reported	64

Value of Stolen Property:

<u>Stolen</u>	<u>Recovered</u>
\$134,024	\$10,733

Motor Vehicle Violation/Complaints - 1997

Disobey signs, signals, markings	81
DPW Yield sign violation	28
Fail to keep right	4
Travel in breakdown lane	0
Fail to keep right, view obstructed	5
Fail to yield at intersection	34
Stop sign violation, Town road	7
Not wearing proper seatbelt restraint	0
Operating, without being properly licensed	15
Operating, no license in possession	55
Fail to slow at intersection	2
Fail to signal before stopping/turning	3
Operating uninspected motor vehicle	51
Motor vehicle, homicide by negligent operation	0
Fail to stop when signaled by Officer	0
Operating uninsured motor vehicle plates	20
Operating, not display registration sticker	4
Defective equipment	67
Unlawful display of blue light	0
Operating unregistered motor vehicle	30

Operating, violation of Town by-laws	40
Operating, violation of DPW rules/regulations	5
Speeding	816
Miscellaneous	628
Total:	<u>1,895</u>

Adult Arrests and Other Court Cases - 1997

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Assault and Battery	9	
Assault with Dangerous Weapon		
Attempt to Kidnap	0	
Breaking, Entering and Larceny	0	
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	0	
Larceny over \$250	0	
Disorderly Person	14	
Minor Transporting Alcohol	7	1
Give False Name to Officer	0	
Trespass After Notice	9	
Operating Under Influence Alcohol	12	
Operating After License Suspended	18	
Operating Without Valid License	4	
Possession Class B - Cocaine	0	
Possession Class D - Marijuana	4	
Warrants Served for Other Departments	30	2
Total:	<u>103</u>	<u>6</u>

Disposition of Arrests - 1997

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Guilty, fined	31	2
Guilty, filed	4	
Admit to sufficient facts	3	
Continued without finding, costs	12	3
Dismissed by court with proof	3	
Defaulted, warrant to issue	3	
Draw Program, OUI liquor, second offense	2	3
Not guilty	14	
Weston warrants served	5	
Warrants served for other departments	21	
Cases continued	5	
Total:	<u>103</u>	<u>6</u>

Revenues Generated by the Police Department in Calendar Year 1997:

1. Parking violations issued:	
323 Code A (@ \$10)	3,230
321 Code B (@ \$15)	4,815
11 Code C (@ \$25)	275
2. 963 Citations processed through the Registry of Motor Vehicles, deemed civil assessments, minor in nature, minor traffic violations.	60,435
3. Second District Court of Eastern Middlesex at Waltham, fines & assessments	9,410
4. False burglar alarm assessments issued	735
5. Reimbursement from Commonwealth of Mass. for Educational Incentive Pay Program	96,161
6. Sale of surplus equipment - used police vehicles	13,508
7. Requests for copies of accident/ police reports Insurance Companies, etc.	1,235
8. Fees collected from issuing firearms permits	1,635
9. Miscellaneous fees for photos, work permits, copying, etc.	163
10. Total:	<u>\$191,602</u>

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER

Juvenile incidents and investigations increased during 1997. Several significant occurrences were contributing factors.

In January, several youths were implicated in counterfeiting United States currency via computers and scanners. The Case was reported to the Secret Service but the United States Attorney's office declined to prosecute.

During May, a large scavenger hunt was organized by local students which resulted in theft and property damage. Some of the property was returned and partial restitution was made.

Weston High School was flooded by vandals in June. Those responsible made restitution to the school and fire department for costs incurred.

In October, a very large house party, attended by at least 60 teens, resulted in damage to the home and theft of personal belongings. The parents of these teens were contacted and some of the missing items were returned to the homeowner.

Juvenile crime can be difficult to investigate and prosecute because of the lack of youthful witnesses willing to testify against other youths, and because of parental protection or denial. The police try to keep most juvenile matters “in house,” but in some cases, court complaints have to be sought when common mischief crosses over the line and becomes criminal activity. In all cases, restitution or the replacement of stolen property is always a stipulation in putting a juvenile matter to rest.

Officer Millen continued to present safety programs in the public and private schools. He also consulted with parents, school officials and the school transportation department regarding safety issues at bus stops during August, September and October.

For everyone’s safety, please adhere to bicycle and pedestrian rules of the road. Pedestrians (joggers included) should walk on the left side of the road-facing traffic-when no sidewalk exists. Bicyclists must ride on the right -- with traffic -- and obey all motor vehicle laws. Young children should ride with an adult and stay on sidewalks whenever possible. Wear an ANSI approved helmet whenever you ride a bicycle. It could save you life.

1997 JUVENILE REPORT

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Alcohol violations	3	2
Chins warrant	1	
Counterfeiting	4	
Disturbance	7	11
Domestic dispute	2	
Larceny	2	2
Operating w/o driver’s license		1
Possession of ammunition	1	
Possession of CO2	5	
Possession of drugs within 1000 feet of a school	1	
Possession of marijuana	1	
Protective Custody	2	
Runaway	2	
Shoplifting	2	
Suspicion of crime	1	
Vandalism	11	
Walk-away from DSS facility	4	
Totals:	49	16

Disposition of Juvenile Cases - 1997

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Court Hearings/Trials	10	4
Parental Conference	18	12
Referred to Outside Agency	6	
Restitution (Through Police)	6	
School Discipline/Suspension	9	0
Totals:	49	16

Note: For the purpose of this report, juvenile matters are considered for age groups 7 through 17. State reporting requires ages 7 up to 17.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY AND FLOW OF PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

This was a good year for the "Sidewalk" Committee. Early in the year work was completed on a section of walk on Conant Road.

Detailed engineering work for a footpath on Lexington Street was continued and an agreement in principle was reached with The Cambridge School, but there are still some unresolved issues on an adjoining property. If these issues can be resolved, work can be started on that walk in the near future.

At the suggestion of the Selectmen and in an effort to accomplish some construction during 1997, efforts were shifted to a section of walk on Merriam Street between Village Road and Sunset Road. Preliminary design was completed and was reviewed with the Planning Board and affected owners. This review showed that there is a need for design modifications, and at the suggestion of DPW Director of Operations Richard Nota, it is planned that the scope will be broadened to include an additional walk connecting to Concord Road and leading to the College Pond area.

We appreciate the efforts of Joe Williams who represented this Committee on the Rail Trail Task Force through all their deliberations.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

Since starting as the Town's new Tree Warden in July of 1997 Paul Brackett has surveyed approximately two thirds of the town's public roads with the object of evaluating the overall town needs and assigning an order of importance to the tree work to be done.

Approximately 43 dead or hazardous trees have been removed to date. There is also a growing list of trees to be removed before the end of this fiscal year.

Eight and one half days of pruning of trees along public roads has been accomplished. Removal of hanging, dead or broken limbs is important to public safety as well as to the health of the trees. If broken or hanging dead limbs are left, the growth of cavities and rotted areas is encouraged. The storm of April, 1997 caused more damage than would be expected in a normal year. More pruning is needed in many areas and a vigorous pruning program will be continued.

The problems of individual residents have been addressed as they are reported. Possible planting or re-planting issues will be taken up in the Spring. The overall surveying of the town street trees will be ongoing.

The Town of Weston is blessed with many trees along its roadways. Trees are important to all of us as they clean the air, provide shade and uplift our spirits with their changing beauty as we travel among them. My work as Tree Warden with town employees, residents and the trees of Weston has been, and I'm sure will be most enjoyable and rewarding.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The year 1997 was an exciting and productive one for the Board of Health. Two new staff members came on board this year: Roy Sanderson as Director of Health and Melinda Krentzin as Administrative Assistant.

Move to Weston: During the past few years it has become evident that Wellesley and Weston have increasingly divergent tasks and goals. After many months of thoughtful discussion, the Board members recommended, and the Town Meeting agreed, that Weston should run its own Health Department. The move took place during the last week in June with both staff and board members painting, patching and generally readying the downstairs conference room in the Town Hall for the new office of the Board of Health. From all the approving comments that have been received during the past six months, it is apparent that that this move was indeed the right one for Weston.

Title V: New construction and home additions continued at an ever increasing rate during 1997. The Board reviewed more than 100 new plans and 70 additions during the past six months alone. Title V and related issues continue to make up the main portion of the Board's work. We encourage residents to pick up the new information sheets on Title V that are available at the health office.

The Board continues in its cooperative efforts with the Conservation Commission, Building Inspector and Planning Board to improve communication and services to the residents of the town.

Rabies: Although the instances of rabid wildlife, decreased during this past year, raccoon Rabies is now, and will continue to be, endemic to the wildlife population. The Health Department continues to work with Linda Perrin, School Nurse, in educating children and parents about the need for caution around any wild animal. Paula Nicholas is Weston's Animal Inspector. She handles all reports of possible rabies exposure within the town. She can be reached at the Police Department number, 893-4800. A reminder. *All dogs and cats must be vaccinated against Rabies.*

Mental Health: The Board continues to support community mental health services. The three agencies serving Weston residents are the Human Relations Service in Wellesley, the Multi-Service Center in Newton and the Charles River Workshop in Needham.

Summary: In addition to the areas listed above, the Board of Health is responsible for the inspection of restaurants and cafeterias, camps, and town swimming facilities. It handles the reporting of communicable diseases and provides vaccines for town-run clinics and employees. The members of the Board, Will Cochran, Marie Tobin and Joan Vernon thank the staff for their dedication and hard work. They do a great job.

The Board of Health's office hours are Monday - Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The telephone number is (781) 893-9310.

REPORT OF THE EAST MIDDLESEX MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project conducts a program consisting of mosquito and wetland surveillance, larval and adult mosquito control, ditch maintenance and public education. The Project participates as a component of the State's *Vector Control Plan to prevent Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)*.

Extreme weather conditions provided mixed conditions for mosquito populations. Above average ground water levels beginning early in 1996 and extending through April 1997 resulted in a warning from State Public Health officials that 1997 was likely to be a risk year for Eastern Equine Encephalitis. A blizzard on April 1 provided ideal conditions for the spring mosquito species. Then dry weather from late spring through the summer reversed the cycle and produced low mosquito populations during July and August.

The objectives of the survey program are to identify and describe mosquito habitats, to quantify changes in larval and adult mosquito populations, and to provide documentation to support control programs. Adult mosquito populations are monitored regularly at four trap sites in Weston. The Project continued its participation in a survey with the Harvard School of Public Health to determine the prevalence of deer ticks in the region.

The larval mosquito control program relies on the biological larvicide, Bti (*Bacillus thuringiensis var. israelensis*) and Altosid. In April a helicopter applied Bti to 182 wetland acres. Field crews applied Altosid by hand or Bti using truck mounted and portable sprayers to eight wetland acres when high densities of mosquito larvae were found breeding in stagnant water.

Tests were conducted to determine the efficacy of using Altosid to control a mosquito species, *Cq. perturbans*, a species that breeds in a cattail marsh adjacent to Lexington St. This species, which cannot be controlled with Bti like other species, causes a considerable mid summer nuisance each year to nearby residents. Altosid, like Bti, is regarded as a low toxicity larvicide.

Adult mosquito control consisted of spraying 2,090 acres at night using truck mounted aerosol sprayers when survey traps indicated high populations of nuisance mosquitoes. The Project uses resmethrin to control adult mosquitoes. Project personnel sprayed 16 acres used portable sprayers to establish barriers to mosquitoes.

The objective of the ditch maintenance program is to remove debris from existing ditches in order to provide a clear channel through wetlands for runoff of storm water or melting snow. Project crews maintained 3,312' of ditch between Rt. 30, Pine St. and Highland St. Crews restored 1,968' of ditch flowing near Colchester Rd., Laxfield Rd. and the abandoned railroad bed.

The Project's public education program is designed to develop an awareness within the public and the private sectors as to their roles in mosquito control. The Project serves as a resource to residents, schools, municipal officials and the local media on controlling mosquitoes, breeding sites and mosquito borne diseases.

On behalf of the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Commission, I would like to thank Claude Valle and acknowledge his contribution to the Town as Weston's representative on the Commission for the past 21 years.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance as of July 1, 1996	\$4,407.91
Appropriation For Fiscal Year 1997	\$21,994.00
Expenditures For Fiscal Year 1997:	
Facilities & Administration Charge	\$4,371.35
Services	
Adult Mosquito Surveillance	1,310.62
Wetland Surveillance	407.67
Larval Mosquito Control	
Spring Helicopter Bti Application.	3,017.16
Ground Bti/Altosid Applications	2,949.69
Adult Mosquito Control	1,677.47
Ditch Maintenance	12,383.18
Other Direct Costs	238.75
Total Cost of Services	\$21,983.91
Total Costs	\$26,355.26
Balance as of June 30, 1997	\$46.65

REPORT OF THE SEWER COMMITTEE

The Charles River Pollution Control District failed to renew its contract with Weston for the disposal of septage as of June 30, 1998. The member communities of the District's plant needed the entire capacity of the plant for their own use. The Sewer committee has identified three facilities willing to accept Weston's septage which are as follows:

- a) Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District, Millbury, MA
- b) Greater Lawrence Sanitary District, North Andover, MA
- c) Northeast Wastewater Treatment Plant, Templeton, MA

During the past year a sewage treatment plant has been constructed by private landowners on the south side of the Boston Post Road in the town center. Presently it is serving most of the businesses on the south side of the Boston Post, but it has sufficient capacity to serve all the businesses in the town center.

Because of the above mentioned developments, the original charges of the Sewer Committee have been fulfilled and accordingly, the Committee has requested the Board of Selectmen to dissolve the Committee. The Committee expects that this request will subject to a vote at the annual town meeting in 1998.

PUBLIC WORKS

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

1997 marked the first full year of operations for the new Department of Public Works. The department is comprised of three divisions: Highway, Parks, Cemetery & Solid Waste; and Water.

These three divisions are supervised by the Director of Operations, Richard C. Nota and their daily operations are headed up by Highway Superintendent, Paul Scott; Parks, Cemetery & Solid Waste Superintendent, David Johansen; and Water Superintendent, Russell Ferrelli.

Great strides have been made in consolidating the operations of the Department. The administrative duties of the divisions have been transitioned to a central administrative staff. This has relieved the Division Superintendents of time consuming repetitive paperwork and allowed them to focus their attentions to improving the efficiency of their operations.

The Public Works management team has devoted considerable time to developing long range capital equipment needs as well as five year plans to address the maintenance needs of the Town's infrastructure. These will be useful tools in providing the Town with realistic annual projections of the costs associated with properly maintaining the 200 million dollar investment the community has made in its roads, water distribution system, parks, cemeteries and solid waste facility.

Considerable time has been spent coordinating the activities of the MWRA, specifically the coordination of activities related to the Water Contingency Plan which is part of the MetroWest Water Supply Tunnel Project.

Other current projects include a Highway Yard Study, which will be used in determining the building needs of the Department, a Drainage Improvement Program, Stormwater Management Plan, Transfer Station Modifications and the updating of rules and regulations for Street Openings, Supply of Water, Water main extensions, Use of Town Dump and Cemetery Regulations.

Plans are ongoing for a temporary parking lot at the Kendall Green Station, sidewalk construction on Merriam and Concord Road, Cat Rock tank rehabilitation, and several roadway reconstruction projects.

The Department will also be working towards streamlining the water billing process in Town.

The Department of Public Works will continue to strive to provide effective cost efficient services to the community.

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DIVISION

The year of 1997 was a very productive year for the Highway Division. Prior to the April Fool's Blizzard the crews were busy preparing roads for the upcoming construction season. The sweepers had begun there spring ritual, roads were being patched and catch basins were being cleaned.

The April Blizzard wreaked havoc on the entire region with close to thirty inches of heavy wet snow that brought down trees and power lines. The employees of the Highway Division, together with members of the other DPW Divisions worked around the clock to clear town roads of snow, trees, brush and debris. To their credit, the Town of Weston was one of the few communities that were able to open schools and resume classes on April Third.

The Highway Division then took on the task of removing brush from all roads in town. This was a Herculean effort that required the men to work long hours for six to seven days a week for many weeks.

Highway Division Crews prepared Town roads for resurfacing; all public roads were swept clean of sand; over sixty catch basins were repaired or rebuilt; potholes, ruts and large cracks in the pavement were ground out and repaved and brush and roadside vegetation was cut back and removed.

Resurfaced Roads and Sidewalks

The following roads were resurfaced in whole: Kings Grant Road, Bradford Road, Indian Hill Road, Spruce Hill Road, Miles Standish Road, Plymouth Road, Winthrop Circle, Bay State Road, Hancock Road, Page Road, Willard Road, Bemis Road, Sunset Road, Sudbury Road, Pelham Road, Sylvan Lane, Beaver Road, Shady Hill Road, Hickory Road, Chiltern Road, Oakdale Avenue and Town House Road.

Roads resurfaced in part were: Concord Road, Wellesley Street, Summer Street, Ridgeway Road and Webster Road.

This work represented over \$ 393,000.00 in Chapter 90 funding from the state.

Sidewalks were resurfaced by Highway Division crews on sections of Rockport Road, Church Street, North Avenue and Boston Post Road.

New Equipment

The Highway Division purchased a new heavy-duty, multi-purpose dump truck, which can plow snow, sand roads and haul or dump materials without the usual seasonal equipment changeover. Other major purchases were a new low profile, medium-duty dump truck - to replace an older model truck - and

a new sewer jet drain cleaning machine which uses high pressure water to clean storm drains of sand, roots and other debris.

Miscellaneous

Highway Division personnel also performed the following duties during 1997:

- All public streets and sidewalks were swept clean of sand and debris.
- Fences and Guardrails were repaired and painted throughout Town.
- Crosswalks, parking lines, stop bars and drainage markers were painted.
- All catch basins were cleaned and inspected.
- Roadside vegetation was maintained.
- Trash collection was performed weekly.
- Leaves were collected from various roads and sidewalks.
- Other town Departments were assisted with various tasks .
- DPW trucks and equipment were repaired and maintained.

REPORT OF THE PARK, CEMETERY, SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING DIVISION

The April Fool's Day snowstorm of 1997 caused extensive damage to the trees and shrubs within Weston's parks and cemeteries. Thankfully, due to our enthusiastic and highly skilled crew, our cemeteries were free of debris and presentable for Memorial Day. Throughout the summer months we continued the clean up process at other Town facilities and parks.



Chipping up the brush pile following the April Fools' Day Blizzard

The brush dump received significant quantities of brush and logs from residents and DPW crews as they cleaned up the aftermath. As a convenience to the residents the compost facility was opened seven days a week throughout the month of April.

The brush pile was the largest it's been in recent memory. We rented the services of a horizontal grinder through the J.M. Cook Company. The grinder had a grapple attachment that would pick up the brush and feed the grinder. The grinder deposited the wood chips into 100 cubic yard trailers via conveyor. Tractor trailers hauled the processed chips to paper mills in Maine. Electricity is co-generated by using chips as a fuel source to create low pressure steam for the paper making process. This is just one example of how the Town of Weston contributes to closing the loop in the recycling process.

The Weston Garden Club has made a significant contribution to our division again during 1997. The club donated daffodils to enhance the Transfer Station. Their volunteers along with our staff planted 200 daffodil and 400 crocus bulbs. We look forward to this infusion of spring color at the Transfer Station.

David Johansen received an invitation to attend a symposium presented by the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts. The theme of the symposium was "Designing for Your Community: Civic Projects That Make A Difference." We are grateful to the Weston Garden Club for sponsoring Mr. Johansen so that he could attend this symposium. We welcome and look forward to developing even better relations with all of the garden clubs in Town so that we can continue to improve the quality of life in Weston.

We have initiated a Traffic Island Improvement and Beautification Program. We are in the process of identifying existing open spaces in highly visible areas that can use improvement. If plantings exist we will prune, weed and improve by adding plants. In areas without plantings we propose to add spring and summer color by planting trees, shrubs, bulbs and annual flowers.

Where Route 20 intersects with Wellesley Street and Boston Post Road there are three traffic islands at which our initial efforts were focused. Two of the islands were excavated and replenished with a mixture of loam and compost. We planted 150 daylilies, 250 daffodils, 1000 crocuses, 15 *Sedum autumn joy*, 15 *Rudbeckia* (Black-eyed Susan) and 7 *Rosa Rugosa*. The larger island had an existing planting that we pruned heavily. A *Cornus Kousa* Dogwood was planted. Our crews performed this work with guidance and valuable assistance from Nancy Fleming, former Park and Cemetery Commissioner. Great care has been made to choose salt and wind tolerant plants. Maintaining these plantings will be a labor intensive process. Spring and summer will bring considerable color and beauty to these locations.

We will continue our efforts throughout the summer by watering and weeding these areas as required. If we receive positive response from residents and the necessary support from the Town we will beautify and improve other areas in Town.

Although a major portion of the Linwood Cemetery expansion project is complete, work remains for the spring of 1998. This project has had significant delays.

Anyone currently owning cemetery lots that will not be using them should contact the Superintendent at 893-8695 in order to facilitate a refund. Cemetery lots for interment are only available to current residents, Town officials and employees.

Annual household hazardous waste collection was a successful event. A total of 257 cars arrived on a rainy Saturday in October, only 10 fewer than 1996. Expenditures for this project have significantly decreased annually since its inception.

Tours of the Transfer Station and Recycling Facility were conducted for school and youth groups. Any groups or individuals interested in such tours should call the Superintendent at 893-8695.

Recycling proceeds continue to decrease. Newspaper tipping fees, in 1997, went from \$0 to \$30 per ton back to \$0. In fiscal year 1997 the average cost to haul and tip recycled product was \$32 per ton. The average cost to haul and dispose solid waste was \$93 per ton. Although recycling proceeds are low it is still beneficial to the Town to increase its recycling effort.

Our recycling rates ranged from a low of 24% to a high of 36%. These rates do not include our composting operation that would increase our rates by 10-15%. Massachusetts DEP awarded Weston with an "A" grade with their Annual Municipal Recycling Report Card.

The Park and Cemetery and Solid Waste Division's statistics for fiscal year 1997 are as follows:

Solid Waste and Recycling

<u>Revenue</u>	
Resident Permit Sales	\$ 229,873
Commercial Haulers	86,270
Other	869
Recycling Proceeds	<u>9,336</u>
Total Revenue Solid Waste & Recycling	\$ 326,348

Processed at the Transfer Station

Total Solid Waste	3,645 Tons
Total Recycled	<u>1,385</u> Tons
Total Materials	5,030 Tons

Cemetery

<u>Interments:</u>	\$ 31,725
22 Cremations	
38 Casket	
1 Disinterment	
<u>Sale of Lots:</u>	56,115*
55 Two Grave Lots	
2 Cremation Lots	
<u>Foundations:</u>	5,400
16 Markers	
17 Monuments	
Total Cemetery Revenue:	\$ 93,240

*Consisting of \$31,500 added to the Sale of Lots Fund, \$24,400 added to the Perpetual Care Trust Fund and \$215 paid to the Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE WATER DIVISION

1997 was a productive year for the Water Division . The amount of water purchased from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority and surrounding communities was 607,102,076 gallons, an increase of 99,237,908 compared to 1996. This increase is mainly attributed many factors including a dry summer season, the many large new homes currently being constructed and a lack of water conservation by consumers.

The Water Division installed 37 new water services in 1997 proving that Weston is still a growing community. With the addition of these 37 services the Water Division now maintains 3,393.

The Water division completed the replacement of the Chestnut Street Water Main in 1997, with the exception of final paving which will be completed in spring 1998.

The Water Division completed a few small distribution system extensions for new developments during this past summer on Concord Road, Sanderson Lane, Acorn Lane and Coburn Road .

The Water Division has been working with the MWRA on the installation of new water mains in areas of town which may be impacted by the construction of the MetroWest water Supply Tunnel. New water mains we installed on River Road, Winter Street, Ridgeway Road and South Avenue . As of the years' end the contractor has installed all the water mains and will be back in the Spring of 1998 to complete the service connections along South Avenue. Final overlay paving will also be completed in 1998.

Other activities of the Water Division in 1997 are described below.

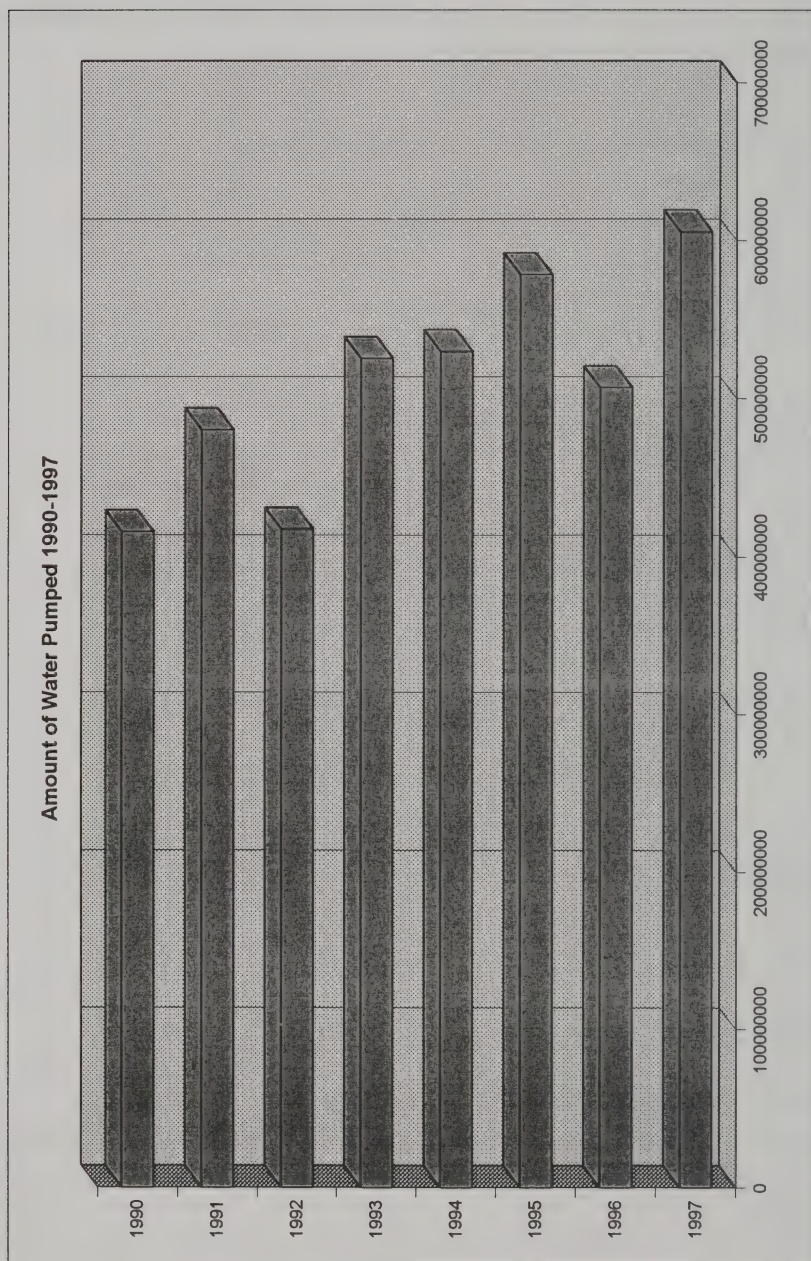
- Seven water main breaks were located and repaired. Five of these occurred during the night or on weekends.
- Homeowners were assisted with location and repair of 11 service leaks.
- Forty-two new fire hydrants were added to the Town's distribution system, bringing the total number to 903.
- A comprehensive leak detection survey of the underground piping system was continued. The area north of Route 20 to the town borders was surveyed in 1997. Two small service leaks, and one hydrant leak were found and fixed immediately.
- Annual leak detection, as required by the MWRA, was conducted.
- Work on the implementation of a Cross Connection Control Program as required by the Department of Environmental Protection was continued.
- Department personnel worked closely with Town Hall staff to finalize the implementation of a new, computerized meter reading system. While the

system was not yet running at year's end, it is planned to be in place for the next reading cycle which will take place in the spring.

- Assistance was given to, and received from, the Highway Division, the Parks, Cemetery and Solid Waste Division and Recreation Department at numerous times during the past year.

Here is a brief statistical comparison for 1996 and 1997

	1996	1997
Miles of water mains, Beginning	99.759	100.43
Miles, added & eliminated (net)	.68	3.15
Miles of mains, Ending	100.43	103.58
House services, Beginning	3,315	3,365
House services, Added	41	37
House services, Ending	3,356	3,393
Public hydrants, Beginning	861	869
Public hydrants, Added	8	42
Public hydrants, Abandoned	0	8
Public hydrants, Ending	869	903
Water purchased, MWRA(gals)	506,788,800	605,725,200
Water purchased, (other)	1,075,368	1,376,876
Total gallons purchased	507,864,168	607,102,076
Daily average	1,387,607	1,663,293
Weekly average	9,766,619	11,675,039
Monthly average	42,322,014	50,591,839
Greatest pumped in one day	July 8, 1996 3,193,600	August 1, 1997 4,880,500
Greatest pumped in one week	June 15-21 18,203,800	August 1-7 27,303,700
Greatest pumped in one month	August 69,872,600	July 110,652,900



REPORT OF THE RECYCLING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Recycling Education Committee continued its work with the schools during 1997. Efforts are being made to reduce waste and increase recycling in the schools.

The Committee has been working with David Johansen on temporary and new signage for the evolving Transfer Station.

The addition of an ambassador for recycling at the transfer station is being studied. The question and answers column is being run in the Weston Town Crier and TAB.

CULTURE AND RECREATION

REPORT OF THE WESTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Weston Cultural Council is charged with allocating money allotted to the Town by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, which received \$ 14.7 million from the State Lottery Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts. For the 1996-97 period, Weston received \$3,150, or 0.02142% of the State Funds, reflecting, we suppose, the relative need of Weston for cultural enrichment compared to other communities in the State. In addition, a small surplus remains from FY95, enabling us to award \$ 3,735 in Grants.

The required Public Meeting was held November 17, 1997, at which time the submissions were discussed and the grants awarded. Ms. Penny Kirk of the Gifford School made a compelling presentation for support of the Gifford School programs, and funds were allocated to their programs.

The Council received 16 applications (for \$ 9,185) with local sponsorship, and 10 applications (for \$ 3,915) which did not have explicit local support, for a total of \$ 13,100. It was decided to fund 13 of the locally supported applications (for \$ 3,485 or 34% of the requests), and to give nominal support to two others. While local sponsorship was an important consideration, it was not the only aspect involved in selecting a program for support. All of the grants are subject to approval by the MCC, which maintains a staff for that purpose. The grant recipients are charged with publicizing their events, and we urge all of our fellow Townspeople to take advantage of the opportunities presented and thereby to raise Weston's cultural "niveau" to a much higher level than before.

The Weston Cultural Council is presently comprised of ten culturally aware and politically correct members, whose tenure is limited by statute to two 3 year terms. We were pleased to welcome Frank Hamm and Rees Tulloss as new members, two outstanding local artists whose talents in the construction of furniture and other wooden artifacts have been admired in numerous local exhibitions. We want to take this occasion to invite other interested residents to consider participation in the Cultural Council.

Further information, and a list of the awarded grants is available from Town Hall, or by contacting co-chairs Christine Martin or Tom Selldorff.

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Historical Commission continues to be busy and active. In the spring of 1997, historian and town resident Pamela Fox completed the third series of three lectures on Weston's architectural and social history, co-sponsored by the Commission, the Golden Ball Tavern Museum, and the Weston Historical Society. Once again, attendance was excellent at all the lectures, which were held at the First Parish Church. In the spring of 1998, the Commission anticipates presenting two more lectures by local historians on the town's origins and landscaping, this time co-sponsored by the Commission and Land's Sake.

The program for the restoration of the Isaac Fiske Law Office was continued with the assessment and design of an up-to-date leaching system. Following installation of the system, which is anticipated to begin in 1998, the Commission expects to assist the Selectmen in determining what additional steps might be required to make the building ready for occupancy.

An update of the inventory records associated with the Boston Post Road National and State Register Historic District that began in 1995 has been completed to the westerly end of the Post Road bypass. The final portion of the work from Highland Street to the Wayland line is expected to begin next year.

In the Spring, the Commission cooperated with the Selectmen, the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission on developing the planning strategies associated with preservation of the Coburn properties on Church Street, which resulted in controlled development of the property at 171 Church Street and in the town's purchase of the parcel at 153. Since then, continuing work has included crafting a preservation deed restriction for the historic Whittemore House (the house at # 153 - the latter site). This document will be completed early in 1998.



Isaac Fiske Law Office

With funds donated by the Weston Garden Clubs, the Commission has retained local landscape historian Nancy Fleming to inventory and evaluate the condition of the town's historic landscape features, and to implement a program of improvements in selected areas. These have included the parks at the ends of Old Post Road, the old library and the Case House. Nancy's work will continue in 1998.

In the fall, the Commission worked with the Zoning Board of Appeals and the neighborhood to develop standards for renovation of, and additions to, the 18th century house at 316 Wellesley Street that would be acceptable to the property owner. Plans for the proposed renovations were reviewed and approved by the Commission late in the year, and construction is currently underway.

At the December 8 Town Meeting, the Commission sponsored an article establishing funding for a plaque program that would visibly recognize the value of Weston's older buildings. At a property owner's request, the Commission will, for a nominal donation, assess the history of a building and furnish the owner with the results of its investigation, together with a plaque which may be mounted on the building's face indicating the date of construction. This article was passed unanimously, and the program will commence early in 1998.

Other Commission activities included continuing participation in the efforts of the Weston Lyceum and the election of the Chairman to the Planning Board. Under consideration for the coming year are research and nomination of portions of North Avenue for designation as a National and State Register Historic District, and work with the Planning Board on possible modifications of the Zoning Bylaw encouraging preservation.

The Commission welcomes the comments, suggestions and observations of town residents concerning issues of historical interest. Our e-mail address remains apayd@aol.com.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

During the first six months of 1997, patron visits to the library increased by 10,000 over patron visits during the same period in 1996. As visits to the library increased, so did circulation of library material, the number of programs offered, reference services, children's events, art exhibits, use of technology, and use of the community and conference rooms. While the library has become busier than ever, its purpose has remained the same as always: to enhance the lives of its users and the life of the entire community.

Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group, led by Adult Services Library, Donna Davies, continued to attract a loyal group of leaders. The group chooses titles to read and participants take turns leading the monthly discussions.

Military History Group

The Library joined the private Military History Group in presenting a series of lecture programs about World War II. Speakers have often been veterans of WWII, and the audience has included people who participated in the war or remember it as well as many younger people eager to learn from those who were there. Many people from nearby towns and from Boston have become regular participants. This very popular series will continue in 1998.

Art Committee

The Library's Art Committee organizes art exhibits in the exhibition gallery and in the community room, and arranges for the large sculptures which are displayed on the front lawn. In April, the first of our large sculptures, Joe Ferguson's "Starplough" was removed from the sculpture pad and replaced by "Memory's Gate" by Newton sculptor, Murray Dewart. Exhibits in the gallery in 1997 included work by Beatrice Frye, Frank Hamm, Martha Katz, Yasuko, Weston artists participating in the Second Weston Artist Invitational, Rhoda Cohen and her students, Murray Dewart, and John Moreau. Receptions for artists were held in the community room.

Library Volunteers

Volunteers continued to play an important role in keeping materials in good order in the stacks. This much-needed service is a great benefit to staff and patrons. We are grateful to Milton Landowne, Ann Charlesworth, Nancy Pollack, Gus Fleischmann, Betty Rafuse, Mary Parker, Sally Seiler, and Ed McKearner for their efforts. Karen Sedat was again invaluable to Youth Services in her work with the ever popular Pop-Up Workshop. Judith Kaplan continued her valuable assistance in mending books for the Technical Services Department.

Adult Services

1997 was a busy year for Adult Services. Our beautiful building, services, and state of the art computer services attracted residents of Weston and neighboring communities. The state reimburses the Library for use by residents of other communities.

The Community Room was constantly booked by a variety of local groups and commercial entities. Circulation totals through November reached 211,484, which is 20.7 books per capita, and a 4.3% increase over 1996. Summer circulation (July-Sept.) showed a 7.4% increase from Summer 1997. In the two years since we moved to the new building, circulation of materials increased by 32.6%.

Electronic Services

The long awaited Computer Room opened in February with four workstations. Patrons using this room have access to the Minuteman Network Library Catalog, the Internet via Netscape, a collection of databases, word processing and spreadsheet software. Response to the room has been very enthusiastic. Between February and the end of December, the room was used 2,717 times, an average of about 250 usages per month. There is often a waiting line to use the workstations, especially on weekends. This has prompted us to plan to add two more computers next fiscal year.

Since the opening of the computer room, the reference staff has been busy teaching classes on how to use the Internet and the Minuteman Catalog. As part of a grant, Barbara Anderson was hired to provide staff training on how to teach Internet classes and to lead some lecture demonstrations for children and adults.

Reference Services

Classroom visits from Weston High School and local private schools increased in 1997. In one week in October, 200 students visited the library as part of classroom visits.

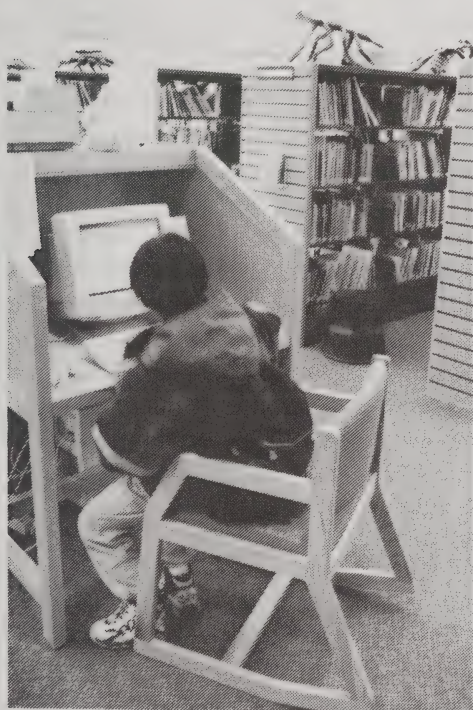
We provided interlibrary loan services to the community at large, as well as to the Weston School system. Adding Electronic Databases and The Internet provided exciting new challenges for reference services, making more information available to the public than ever before.

Youth Services

In 1997, Youth Services saw more use than ever before. Visits to the Library are becoming a weekly routine for most Weston families; use by teachers is increasing, and student use after school has increased dramatically.

A total of 8,389 questions were asked at the Youth Services Reference Desk in 1997; that was 1,183 more questions than in 1996, and 2,543 more than in 1995. We sponsored 243 programs including preschool Storytimes, After-school BookClubs, Saturday Movies, Pop-up Book Workshops, and special event programs co-sponsored by Friends of the Library and WCCA. Approximately 3,599 people attended those programs. During school vacations, 2,810 crafts were created in the Craft Room.

In our record-breaking Summer Reading Program, "Celebrate! Read!" 232 children participated, reading 7,810 books (for those who counted books) and 426½ hours (for those who counted time). The Friends sponsored our weekly craft project in the Craft Room and the special performances and programs during the summer.



Workstation in Youth Services Area

In 1997 we implemented the WCCA sponsored Once Upon A Time programs. These programs are offered one evening a month from October to May, and feature special performances or events. This year's programs included musician and composer David Polansky, a visit from the Literary Llama Zoomobile, and a pumpkin-decorating contest.

During 1997 we added two new workstations in Youth Services. Both provide access to the Minuteman Library Network database. The second one joins our already established workstation in providing graphical access to the Internet, which is also new in the Library. Our after school use of the Internet has proven very successful, allowing students to print photos and information for reports, as well as to look up information.

Technical Services

The Technical Services Department consists of three staff members, one full-time, and two part-time. This was a particularly busy year. The department processed over 7,000 new items, both print and non-print. Non-print items, such as audiobooks, compact discs, videos and CD-ROM's, are particularly

time-consuming to process. Processing materials includes entering them into the Minuteman Library Network database so patrons will be able to find them on-line.

Friends Of The Library

No group can rival the Friends in their efforts to enhance the Library's role as an integral part of the Weston community. They provide a variety of free programs, and offer trips at minimal cost. The Friends' newsletter informs the community of their activities and invites participation by all residents of Weston.

Proceeds from their annual Book Sales, the trip to Santa Fe, membership dues, and contributions provided for generous support of Youth Services and Adult Services programs and materials. They also provided museum passes for admittance to the Museum of Fine Arts, The Museum of Science, The Children's Museum, The Isabella Steward Gardner Museum in Lincoln, The Discovery Museum in Acton, and The Garden in the Woods in Framingham.

The Friends' activities in 1997 included the seventh annual Appreciation Luncheon for the Library staff, the Annual Meeting, and the Annual Luncheon with speaker Doris Eyges. Other speakers this year included Judith Winn, Ingrid Graff, and Jan Turnquist who impersonated Louisa May Alcott. Trips were taken to Providence, to Tanglewood for a concert, and to Williamstown. The Friends also provided funds for frames for a photography exhibit, and provided delivery and pick-up service to homebound patrons who would otherwise be unable to be active patrons. They also sponsored a Poetry Seminar in the fall. The Annual Book Sales was more successful than ever and proved to be a special occasion for the whole town. As always The Friends proved to be true friends and loyal supporters of the Library.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Library Building Committee continued to meet periodically during the last year to resolve a number of open issues. One of the significant accomplishments of last year was the purchase of equipment for the computer room which became fully operational in early 1997.

At this time there are only two issues remaining from the construction project, and our expectation is that both of these issues will be resolved in 1998. The Committee looks forward to the time when we transfer responsibility for the building over to the Library Trustees.

REPORT OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

This past year was a busy one for the Recreation Department. On a personal note, we would like to extend congratulations to longtime staff member, Daneile Wilson on the birth of her daughter in September. After 14 years of tireless energy in helping to elevate our programs to their present status, Daneile tendered her resignation. She will be greatly missed. But we are pleased to welcome Diane Dinell to our staff as the new program coordinator. Diane comes to Weston with a masters degree in early childhood education and experience in running summer camps and recreation programs. Also, longtime Recreation Commission member Alan Orth did not seek re-election, and Cheryl Kelly was elected to his place on the commission.

Along with escalating enrollments in the various programs we offered, we also proceeded with plans for the construction of a new Town Recreation Barn. This proposed facility will house our offices and provide much needed space for programs that we either must presently limit or are unable to offer at all. Over the course of the year, different options for the building were studied, including making it a multi-generational center that would also provide space for the Council on Aging's programs. After carefully considering this alternative, it was determined that creating a space exclusively for the Recreation Department would be the most cost-efficient and least complicated direction to pursue.

The first step in what we hope will be a successful "barn-raising" was accomplished in October when money was appropriated at a Special Town Meeting for conducting a septic feasibility study to determine the appropriateness of the site under consideration. We envision that our new structure will be situated next to the Case House, replacing the Buildings and Grounds structure that is located on the left as you exit Alphabet Lane from the Country and Woodland Schools.

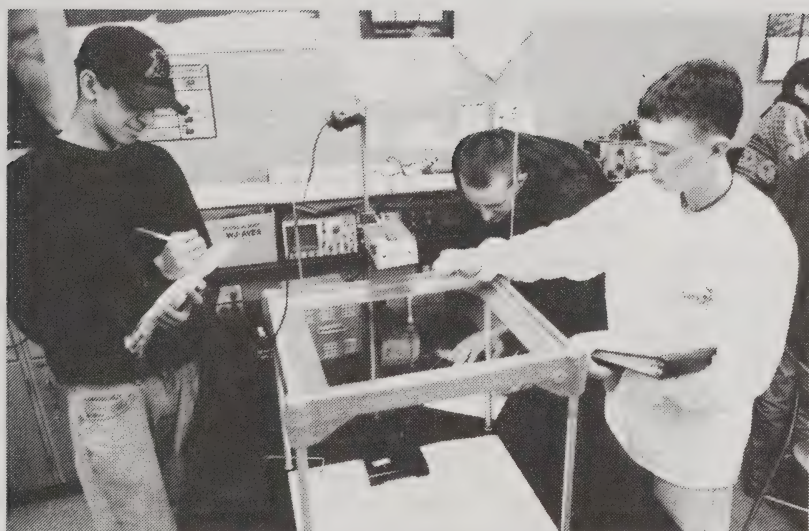
At a special Town Meeting held in December, funding for design fees was passed by a large margin, indicating what we believe to be strong support for the need for additional recreation space within town.

As in years past, our program offerings increased in both scope and enrollment. To briefly summarize just how many residents are taking advantage of the programs we sponsor, 6,034 individuals participated in the 444 programs offered in 1997. We worked closely with the Weston Senior Citizens Club and WCCA along with our youth and adult classes, to provide programming that crossed cultural and generational boundaries.

During the summer, our camp programs were more popular than ever, with 2,790 campers signed up for the various activities we organized. Attendance at the Memorial Pool was impressive with 27,650 residents and their guests registering to swim over the course of the summer. Our Wednesday evening "Concerts on the Green, sponsored by Cambridge Trust Company, were again a popular place for neighbors to gather and watch their children romp around while enjoying the many musical selections of the diverse groups which entertained them.

From a financial standpoint, participation in our programs generated \$525,000 in fees which were returned to the town's general fund.





SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Weston School Committee presents its report and statistics for the 1997 year.

School Committee

The Weston School Committee has directly accountability for the oversight and policy of the schools. The Committee is comprised of five residents who are elected by the town to staggered three year terms. The three main responsibilities of the school committee are budget, policy and hiring the superintendent.

Superintendent

In July, 1997 the School Committee accepted the resignation of its superintendent, Meredith Jones, who relocated to California. Dr. Jones had served as superintendent since 1988 and during her term the schools hired four principals, reopened Field School, reconfigured the elementary school grade structure, and voted to renovate the Middle and High Schools. The School Committee appointed John Stayn to the position of interim superintendent. Dr. Stayn had been the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

The School Committee hired Dr. Herbert Pandiscio, of Herbert William Consulting, Inc., to assist in the superintendent search. The plan is to choose the new superintendent by mid-April, 1998 and to have him or her begin work in July, 1998.

Standardized Tests and College Placement

Weston students continue to do well on standardized tests. On the SAT I the average score of the Class of 1997 was 580 on the verbal section and 616 in mathematics, with 99% of the class taking the examination. Nationally, scores averaged 505 on the verbal and 511 in math. Consistent with the record of previous years, 93% of the members of the Class of 1997 are continuing their education this year, with 86% attending four year colleges.

Enrollment

The enrollment for the 1996-97 school year was 1,867 students. This represented a fifty pupil increase over the previous year. For the 1997-98 school year, enrollment increased by an additional 104 students, with an increase of 40 students in grades K - 5 and 64 in grades 6 - 12. Elementary school enrollments are expected to continue to grow, although the rate of growth seems to be slowing somewhat from the early '90's. On the other hand, the Middle School is projected to grow by about 50 students, or more than 11%, for the 1998-99 school year.

Addressing the enrollment changes has required the schools to increase staffing to maintain traditional class sizes. Staff statistics are shown elsewhere in this report.

Bricks and Mortar

High School Renovation: The groundbreaking for the High School renovation took place on December 16, 1996 and the first phase was completed in time for the opening of school in September, 1997. The \$15 million renovation is expected to be completed by Fall, 1998, and will include refurbished classrooms, laboratories and library, as well as an updated auditorium, cafeteria, kitchen, music facilities, arts spaces and modern technological resources.

Middle School Renovation: Town Meeting voted to spend \$10.8 million to expand and renovate the Weston Middle School. Bids for construction are expected to be opened in the Spring of 1998 and the addition portion should be started shortly thereafter. The project is scheduled for completion by Fall 1999.



Elementary Schools: Country and Woodland Schools were built in the 1950's. An independent study in 1995 identified the need for significant upgrades and repairs to the two buildings. To address these issues, the School Committee formed an Elementary School Facilities Study Committee which will report its findings to the Town in 1998.

Curriculum and Other Initiatives

Many program initiatives were undertaken in 1997. World Language instruction in Spanish, introduced in Grades 4 and 5 last year, was expanded to Grades 1, 2, 3, and 6. Other initiatives at the elementary level included changes in the reading program and the hiring of a Science Specialist to improve science instruction.

New schedules were adopted for all school levels in response to the State's Time & Learning mandates. By September, 1998, the number of hours of instruction for all students will have been increased; new school hours for

elementary and Middle School students went into effect in September, 1997. The most dramatic changes in scheduling will occur at the High School in the Fall of 1998, with the adoption of long-block scheduling. A consultant has been working with the staff to prepare them for teaching longer periods.



Technology

The School Committee endorsed the Five-Year Technology Plan recommended by the 31-member Technology Advisory Committee. The plan emphasized the importance of providing teacher training and support staff along with the purchase of hardware and software. Through a combination of funds from the secondary schools' renovation budgets and the school budget, the first phase of the plan was partially implemented in 1997. This involved training approximately one third of the teaching staff, adding some support staff, and equipping second, fifth and selected secondary school classrooms with computers, printers, and other items.

Special Education Program

For the 1996-97 school year, 281 students participated in the school's special education program. Students on Individual Educational Plans are eligible to receive, on an as-needed basis, special tutors, Learning Center teacher help, and occupational and/or physical therapy. In addition, the school budget supported 23 students whose IEPs required outside placements because their needs could not be served within the school system. Special Education services are mandated under Chapter 766.

School Budget

The School Committee's 1997-98 budget was \$16.2 million, an 8.1% increase over the 1996-97 level. The schools also received grants from the State and Federal governments for a variety of programs. State education aid totaled approximately \$750,000 in FY '97, and went directly to the General Fund of the Town, rather than appearing as offsets to the school budget.

Weston Education Enrichment Fund

In addition to tax monies, the schools benefit from a wide variety of financial and volunteer support. The Weston Education Enrichment Fund Committee (WEEFC), in its twelfth year, raised \$110,000 which was then spent for enrichment programs, materials for special projects, and professional development that cannot be funded within the school budget.



Volunteer Organizations

The Weston schools benefit greatly from the large number of willing volunteers who come to the classrooms, plan special events, serve on committees and on the School Councils, and help with fund-raising. The Weston Parent Teacher Organization provides an important link between the schools and the parents. Through newsletters, school forums, speakers and regularly scheduled meetings, the PTO keeps open the lines of communication. They also organize back-to-school nights, volunteer opportunities, and a variety of special events for the students and teachers.

The Weston Boosters raise impressive amounts of money and enthusiasm to support Weston's athletic programs. In the Fall of 1997 Weston High School gratefully accepted the contribution of an electronic scoreboard at John Proctor Field.

Collective Bargaining

The Weston School Committee conducts negotiations with six bargaining units, the largest of which is the Weston Education Association (WEA), representing teachers. Agreement was reached with the WEA in the summer of 1995 on a three-year contract, with salary increases of 2.75% for 1995-96, 3%

for 1996-97, and 3.5% for 1997-98. A new contract will need to be negotiated in 1998. The School Committee will also be seeking new contracts with the secretaries, paraprofessionals and aides in 1998. Ongoing contracts through 1999 are with the bus drivers, lunch personnel, and Buildings & Grounds employees.

METCO

The Weston-METCO program, in which Weston has participated for 30 years, continues to diversify our student body with Boston-resident minority students, to the benefit of all. The program continues to provide an educational opportunity for both Weston and Boston resident students and to lessen racial isolation for all students.

Other Notable Events

- A schools web site was established by students and faculty advisor Robert Frank - www.weston.org.
- Richard Ryan gave a well received series of talks on drugs and alcohol to students, faculty and parents.
- A visit by Jeff Kelly in February to Field School fourth grade was the 1000th WEEFC project.
- A three-week career internship program in May involved almost 70 seniors who were matched with mentors in occupational areas of their choice.
- Long-time History and Social Studies Department Head John Williams retired in June.
- A small but smoky localized fire damaged the electrical service at Woodland School; quick action by Maintenance Specialist Lou Pedone averted more significant damage; there were no personal injuries.
- Country School also had smoke as the result of a roof fan malfunction; evacuation of students and faculty to Woodland School was accomplished most efficiently.
- Long-time employee Richie Sousa, a custodian at Middle School and most recently Head Custodian at Woodland, passed away while recovering from cardiovascular surgery.

Recognition and Awards

Weston students and staff are frequently recognized for a high level of achievement in diverse areas of endeavor. Among these were:

Administration

- Dr. John Stayn was named by The Weston TAB as one of its "People of the Year."

Music

- Ten high school students were selected to participate in the 1997 Senior District Music Festival, including Andrew Bulbrook who served as

concertmaster. Of these, five were accepted for All-State Music Festival. In addition, 11 students were accepted for the 1997 Junior District Festival.

- In February, orchestra students from Weston and Wayland joined with the Youth Philharmonic Orchestra from the New England Conservatory at Regis College to form a 207-member orchestra led by noted conductor Benjamin Zander.
- Weston Community Chorus, a multigenerational group including students, teachers and members of the greater Weston community made its debut in May, led by choral director Dr. Therese Provenzano.

Mathematics

- Dennis McCowan, Grade 7-12 Department Head of Mathematics, was selected for the highly prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching and honored at the White House.
- Third graders have placed first regionally in this year's Continental Math League and the Field School fourth grade Pythagorean group placed first regionally also.

Sports

- Weston High School earned the 1997 Division 4 Dalton Award, given by The Boston Globe for superior varsity and tournament performance. This is the fourth time in the 1990's that Weston has received this award.
- The boys' varsity basketball team, co-champions of the Dual County League, won the Division III North Sectional title for the third time in ten years.
- In swimming, the boys' varsity placed second in the North Sectional Meet while the girls' varsity placed third in EMASS Regional Meet.
- Both boys and girls indoor track teams had undefeated seasons and were League and Class D Champions.
- The wrestling team placed second in their sectional meet and won 4 invitational tournaments to go along with their 14-1 dual meet record. Dave Baldanza was selected by the Boston Globe as the Division III Wrestling Coach of the Year.
- The Middlesex News selected four of our coaches as Coach of the Year: Alex Gallagher for boys' basketball; Bob Maguire for both girls' and boys' track; and Pete Foley for swimming.
- Girls' varsity soccer coach, Franco Bruno, was named Division 3 Coach of the Year by The Boston Globe.
- Boys' lacrosse and boys' golf were added to the high school sports program; ice hockey became a club sport at the Middle School

Drama

- Weston High Theatre Company's production of *All in the Timing* was selected to go to the State finals in the Massachusetts High School Drama

Guild competition and five members of the cast received "All State" acting awards.

Art

- Lisa Stutius won The Boston Globe statewide art contest with an oil painting which also captured the national award and was displayed at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington D.C.

World Language Exchanges

- The Weston Rombas Affiliation continued its successful, year-long exchanges for high school students with France and Brazil (*for more details see report beginning on page 129*).
- The Quebec exchange program was re-instituted for first year French students. Twenty-six 7th and 8th grade students spent a long weekend in Quebec; the same number of students from Quebec spent approximately the same amount of time in Weston.
- A two-week Spanish exchange program with Calafell, Spain is planned for High School students in 1998.
- Approximately 25 second-year Spanish students (all in the 8th grade) spent two weeks in Costa Rica.



Conclusion

The School Committee believes that excellence in learning has occurred in 1997. The Committee will strive to continue this level of quality, to be responsive to changes in the educational and regulatory environment, mindful of the pressures of fiscal constraints, and guided by the expectations of the Weston community.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS*

	Oct. 1 <u>1990</u>	Oct. 1 <u>1991</u>	Oct. 1 <u>1992</u>	Oct. 1 <u>1993</u>	Oct. 1 <u>1994</u>	Oct. 1 <u>1995</u>	Oct. 1 <u>1996</u>	Oct. 1 <u>1997</u>
Kdg	111	157	157	147	156	156	159	167
Grade 1	106	112	177	167	159	166	160	166
Grade 2	111	123	115	176	166	159	173	177
Grade 3	134	126	126	124	178	169	165	188
Grade 4	112	143	131	123	125	184	174	180
Grade 5	107	119	143	130	126	128	185	178
Grade 6	105	112	127	140	136	130	130	185
Grade 7	116	112	105	133	152	141	130	137
Grade 8	132	114	114	104	131	151	140	133
Grade 9	106	128	112	106	104	125	136	117
Grade 10	105	108	121	105	103	94	120	139
Grade 11	120	104	105	117	113	105	97	111
Grade 12	<u>111</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>93</u>
TOTAL	1476	1574	1632	1676	1769	1817	1867	1971

*These enrollments include nonresident as well as resident pupils registered in the schools.

PRIVATE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

	1990- <u>1991</u>	1991- <u>1992</u>	1992- <u>1993</u>	1993- <u>1994</u>	1994- <u>1995</u>	1995- <u>1996</u>	1996- <u>1997</u>
Residents in Private School	240	226	249	269	272	278	315
% of Residents in Private School	15.8	14.1	14.7	15.3	14.6	14.5	15.8

**Source: annual January 1 census conducted by the Town.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PUPILS PER CLASS - Grades K-8

Grade	Standards			Actual				
	<u>Min</u>	<u>Des</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>1993-94</u>	<u>1994-95</u>	<u>1995-96</u>	<u>1996-97</u>	<u>1997-98</u>
K	17	20	23	21.0	19.5	19.5	19.9	20.9
1	17	20	23	20.9	19.9	20.8	20.0	20.8
2	18	21	24	22.0	20.8	19.9	21.6	22.1
3	19	22	25	20.7	22.3	21.1	20.6	23.5
4	20	23	26	20.5	20.8	23.0	21.8	22.5
5	20	23	26	21.7	21.0	21.3	23.1	22.3
6	21	24	27	20.0	22.7	21.7	21.7	23.1
7	20	23	26	22.2	21.7	20.1	21.7	22.8
8	21	24	27	20.8	21.8	21.6	20.0	22.2

DISTRIBUTION OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF BY SCHOOL LEVEL -1997--1998

	<u>High School</u> (Grades 9-12)	<u>Middle School</u> (Grades 6-8)	<u>Elementary</u> <u>Schools</u> (Grades K-5)
Administration	1.8	2.8	3.0
Art	2.4	1.5	2.05
Business	0.7	0.45	--
Electives	--	0.6	--
English, Drama, & Dance	6.05	8.35	--
Foreign Language	5.05	3.15	2.0
Grades K-5	--	--	46.8
Guidance	3.0	2.0	3.0
Home Economics	1.0	--	--
Industrial Arts	1.0	--	--
Math & Computers	6.35	5.8	1.45
Media Services	1.0	0.5	1.0
Music	1.2	0.8	2.65
Phys Ed. & Athletics	2.6	2.7	3.4
Reading Specialist	--	--	0.8
Science	6.3	4.2	1.0
Social Studies	4.45	4.15	--
Special Education	1.3	2.1	5.8
Student Activities	0.9	--	--
TOTAL SCHOOLS	44.10	40.35	72.95

In addition, there are 8.15 positions serving all schools and 5.0 positions funded by State or Federal grants, for a total professional staff of 170.55, or 8.0 more than in 1996-1997.

RECORD OF POST SECONDARY EDUCATION PLACEMENT

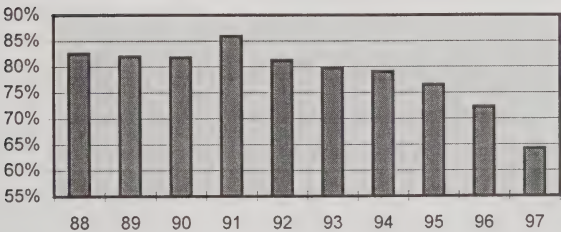
Class	Number of Graduates	% to 4 Year Colleges	% to Other Education	% of Total Continuing
1987	176	84	8	92
1988	150	89	6	95
1989	141	87	7	94
1990	105	92	7	99
1991	109	86	9	96
1992	116	94	3	97
1993	99	92	5	97
1994	98	88	7	95
1995	121	87	10	97
1996	110	86	10	96
1997	100	86	7	96
10 Yr Avg	123	89	7	93

PROFESSIONAL STAFF STATISTICS - 1996-97

Educational services are provided to Weston students by 188 full and part time professionals -- teachers, counselors, specialists, and administrators. Each one is a unique person with special talents and knowledge. The data below is an attempt to present a statistical picture of the Weston staff.

- 1. Education: Weston teachers are well educated: 81% have earned master's and doctoral degrees, and 39.7% have studied at least one year beyond the master's degree (master's + 30 credits). Thirty-three teachers and principals earned 154 graduate course credits last year, of which 102 were reimbursed by Weston at a cost of \$17,436.52.
- 2. Experience: Approximately 67% of Weston teachers have twelve or more years of experience. Of the 31 new teachers hired this year 5 were hired at Step 1.

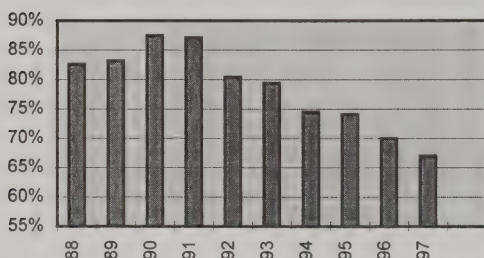
Teachers at Top Step			
Fall 1988	82.6%	Fall 1993	79.7%
Fall 1989	82.0%	Fall 1994	79.1%
Fall 1990	81.8%	Fall 1995	76.5%
Fall 1991	85.9%	Fall 1996	72.3%
Fall 1992	81.2%	Fall 1997	67.0%



3. Professional Teacher Status: The proportion of staff with "professional teacher status" has been on a downward trend since 1992. This year 31 new professional staff were added and 24 departed (6 were due to leaves of absence). Seven teachers gained professional teacher status at the start of the school year.

Staff with Professional Teacher Status

Fall 1988	82.6%	Fall 1993	79.4%
Fall 1989	83.2%	Fall 1994	74.5%
Fall 1990	87.5%	Fall 1995	74.1%
Fall 1991	87.1%	Fall 1996	70.0%
Fall 1992	80.4%	Fall 1997	64.2%



4. Turnover: At the close of the 1996-97 school year 14.5% of the teachers left the Weston Public Schools. Of these 83.3% left voluntarily.

Staff Turnover:

	<u>Left</u>	<u>Left Voluntarily</u>
1992-93	5.6%	75.9%
1993-94	7.1%	81.8%
1994-95	11.1%	77.8%
1995-96	7.6%	92.3%
1996-97	14.5%	83.3%

CENSUS OF RESIDENTS AGE 0 - 5

As of January 1

BIRTH YEAR	CENSUS YEAR										
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
1982	102										
1983	104	103									
1984	99	103									
1985	94	101	107	108							
1986	75	91	102	102	112						
1987		111	120	130	144	146					
1988			88	97	108	121	138				
1989				83	105	106	112	132			
1990					124	138	146	157	164		
1991						100	107	113	118	129	
1992							99	121	140	150	169
1993								105	124	128	134
1994									106	120	127
1995										134	137
1996											103
TOTALS	474	509	521	520	593	611	602	628	652	661	670



SCHOOL ENROLLMENT, PROFESSIONAL STAFF, AND EXPENDITURE PER PUPIL DATA

SCHOOL YEAR	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
HIGH SCHOOL										
October 1 Enrollment	489	438	442	456	437	432	440	433	451	460
No. of Staff*	45.00	42.8	41.35	41.6	42.15	40.75	40.35	41.75	43.1	44.1
Pupil-Staff Ratio	10.9	10.2	10.7	11	10.4	10.6	10.9	10.4	10.5	10.4
MIDDLE SCHOOL										
October 1 Enrollment	376	364	353	338	346	377	419	422	400	455
No. of Staff*	33.6	32.65	32.5	31.1	31.9	34.45	36.3	37.2	36.1	40.35
Pupil-Staff Ratio	11.2	11.2	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.9	11.5	11.3	11.1	11.3
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS										
October 1 Enrollment	659	656	681	780	849	867	910	962	1,016	1,056
No. of Staff*	47.1	46	45.7	47.5	54.65	57.4	61.45	67.95	70.5	72.95
Pupil-Staff Ratio	14	14.3	14.9	16.4	15.5	15.1	14.8	14.2	14.4	14.5
ALL SCHOOLS										
October 1 Enrollment	1,524	1,458	1,476	1,574	1,632	1,676	1,769	1,817	1,867	1,971
Total Prof. Staff**	133.5^	129.75^	126.3^	126.45^	134.5^	138.7^	144.4^	154.45^	157.8^	165.55^
Total Pupil-Staff Ratio	11.4	11.2	11.7	12.4	12.1	12.1	12.3	11.8	11.8	11.9
Expenditure Per Student#	\$ 6,339	\$ 6,896	\$ 7,387	\$ 7,177	\$ 7,548	\$ 7,170	\$ 7,193	\$ 7,784	\$ 8,009	\$ 8,221/

*Includes Teachers, Specialists, and Building Administrators

#Based on Mass. Department of Education formula

**Includes Central Office Personnel

^Not including positions funded by State and Federal Grants

/Based on Estimated Expenditure for year in progress

REPORT OF THE MINUTEMAN SCIENCE- TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

In September 1997, several students from Wayland and Concord began receiving career training in carpentry, electronics and computer programming for a few hours each day at Minuteman Tech, and returning to their respective high schools for academic classes. Students from the other district high schools may also participate in this School-to-Careers Partnership. This program provides participating students with hands-on learning experiences which are not available in some schools which have closed industrial arts programs.

Another creative partnership is the middle school technical literacy program. Seven participating schools provide equipment and supplies, while Minuteman funds four full-time teachers who provide hands-on technology education. Students are exposed to biotechnology, environmental technology, robotics, telecommunications, microelectronics, mechanics and technology projects.

There are Technology Days during which more than 200 middle school students and their science teachers spend a day in Minuteman labs doing hands-on activities in robotics, electronics and other technical disciplines. Another popular program provides hands-on career exploration and academic enrichment opportunities for 6th, 7th and 8th graders two afternoons a week during March.

Since services to the part-time pupils participating in these programs are paid for from the Minuteman budget, they are included in the count used in computing Minuteman's expenditure per pupil.

National studies indicate that properly funded vocational programs cost an average of twice as much as non-vocational programs for safe staffing ratios, related academic classes and up-to-date equipment. It also costs more to educate special needs students, of which Minuteman has three times as many as the high schools of its member towns and many more than the norm for most vocational schools.

Minuteman keeps its technical programs up-to-date by actively seeking grants for establishing new programs and updating existing ones. So far during 1997, more than \$1.4 million has been received in grants for program improvements, growth of new science/technology career training and educational support. These investments are often needed when enrollment and job opportunities in a particular field are just beginning.

By working closely with industry, Minuteman prepares students for tomorrow's jobs rather than yesterday's. This effort provides a high return in long-term economic value for each local dollar invested.

Achievements by Minuteman Tech students during 1997:

- Admission of one Minuteman student to Massachusetts Institute of Technology and one to Harvard University;
- Gold medals in the Commercial Baking competition at the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) National Skill Olympics - for the eighth time in nine years;
- Silver medal - National Robotic Workcell Technology competition;
- Seven first place medals, six second place medals and four third place medals in the State VICA competition;
- Third place by the Math Team in the U Mass Lowell Challenge '97 competition - earning four annual \$2000 scholarships to U Mass Lowell for team members;
- Two first place winners (out of 32 possible) in the state Science Fair at MIT;
- First place by the Physics Team in the "Great American Dream Machine" design and race at the New England Design Olympics.

Minuteman Tech now has its own web site: [www.minuteman.org] which is contains basic information about the school and its programs and current information about special programs and events.

MINUTEMAN TECH STATISTICS

Minuteman Tech Class of 1997: Members from Weston: none

Enrollment October 1, 1997

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>PG</u>	<u>Total</u>
Weston		1	1		1	3
Total	227	217	207	175	107	933

Financial Statement

<u>Sources of Revenue</u>	<u>FY 1996</u>	<u>FY 1997</u>
Assessments	\$ 6,587,217	\$ 6,363,861
Chapter 70	2,122,634	2,152,078
Transportation, Chapter 71	434,565	454,970
Choice 95	520,928	0
Choice 96	5,081	1,121,684
Tuition	1,193,517	1,448,818
Other	189,617	159,720
Appropriated From Surplus	431,649	157,440
Total Revenues	\$ 11,485,208	\$ 11,858,571

Expenditures

Salaries	7,403,248	7,767,057
Other Instructional Expenses	723,993	927,634
Administrative Expenses	386,153	482,856
Retiree/Employee Benefits	1,128,156	892,503
Transportation	723,871	841,729
Operations & Maintenance	891,511	817,700
Equipment Purchase	278,067	207,393
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 11,534,999</u>	<u>\$ 11,936,872</u>

Revenues less Expenditures	\$ (49,791)	\$ (78,301)
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Weston's financial assessment for Minuteman Science-Technology High School and Adult Career Center in fiscal 1997 was \$ 35,949.00. In fiscal 1998 the assessment is budgeted at \$ 113,218.00.

REPORT OF THE WESTON ROMBAS AFFILIATION COMMITTEE

The Weston Rombas Affiliation Committee oversees the Town's student exchanges with the *Lycee Julie Daubié* in Rombas, France and *Colégio Aplicação UFRGS* in Porto Alegre, Brazil. Each year the Committee selects one Weston student to spend an academic year in each of these cities. In addition the Committee welcomes students from the schools in France and Brazil, finds homes for them with Weston families, and helps them with academic and social adjustments.

The Affiliation was created in 1950 by vote of the Weston Town Meeting to establish a sister city relationship with Rombas, a steel-making city in north eastern France near the German border. Letters, gifts and good-will were exchanged and, as friendship between the two communities grew, a student exchange was initiated between their secondary schools. This exchange was so successful that in 1960, in a small effort to strengthen Pan-American relations, another exchange was begun with the school in Porto Alegre. Other exchanges have been attempted, but only those with France and Brazil have endured. Since 1954 approximately 150 students have participated in the exchange.

The Committee provides for certain expenses of the students participating in the program. Round trip transportation costs from the US are paid for the students going from Weston to France and Brazil. Visiting students are assisted with expenses incurred while in Weston, including school accident insurance; one-half of the cost of the "Close-Up" trip to Washington, DC;

yearbooks; special books and classroom supplies; sports deposits and other appropriate miscellaneous expenses.



Participants in Brazilian Exchange:

*Gahiji Marshall, to Porto Alegre, 1996; Trina Bryant, to Porto Alegre, 1998;
Carina Dias de Borba, to Weston, 1997-98; Michael George, to Porto Alegre, 1997*

Although the Committee is an official town committee it receives no financial support from tax dollars. Funds for the program are generated through a town-wide appeal each fall and an annual benefit brunch each spring. Response to both is generally gratifying and the Affiliation has met its expenses in recent years. In 1997 the committee raised more than six thousand dollars from these two sources. Contributions are tax deductible.

The Affiliation's other principal need is housing for our international guests, which is also supplied by members of the community. Approximately ten host families are needed each year. Each student usually stays with several different host families for periods of two to four months each, a practice which gives our visitors an appreciation of the variety of American lifestyles and provides them with opportunities to make new friends through different host siblings. New host families are always welcomed by the Affiliation. It is not necessary to speak French or Portuguese, to have a family member who is a student at Weston High School (although that can be a help), or even to have a separate bedroom for the visiting student. What is needed is a willingness to open your home and your heart to a student who is far from the familiarity of home.

Families who cannot serve as host families are encouraged to participate in the program by sharing a family dinner, sports or theater event, a weekend or school vacation at a ski or beach house or a trip to the mall, the movies or Harvard Square with our international students.

In the early summer of 1997 the Committee learned that the Visa under which our visiting students had been coming to the US would no longer be available, unless full tuition is paid for them. In order to continue the program the Affiliation was required to obtain the approval of the US Information Agency. Application forms were submitted to the agency and approval - which is good for five years before renewal is required - was granted in early September. Unfortunately, the approval came too late for our 1997-98 students to arrive in time for the beginning of the School year, so they arrived in late September and early October respectively.



*Participants in French Exchange:
Audrey Weiland, to Weston, 1997-98; Joe Forte, to Rombas, 1996-97*

Highlights of 1997

- Our visiting scholars for the current school year are:
Carina Dias de Borba from Porto Alegre whose hosts are Nancy & Tom Inui.
Audrey Weiland from Rombas who has stayed with Joe & Gilda Forte and William & Kathleen Rousseau.

- In 1996-97 our guests were:

Bertrand Mantovani from France whose hosts in 1997 were: William & Kathy Rousseau, Joe & Gilda Forte and Andrea & Stephen Humphrey.

Rodrigo Bueno Conceição from Brazil stayed with: James Hsia & Mitzi Hsia-Kiung, Richard & Phyllis Biegun and Gopa & Sujit Sumar, during 1997.

The Committee extends its special thanks to these host families as well as to those in Rombas and Porto Alegre. They provide a necessary ingredient for a successful mix of culture and experience.

- Weston Students abroad:

Joe Forte, a member of the Junior Class, was in Rombas for the 1996-97 school year and returned in July. He was also honored at the Fall Reception.

Michael George was in Porto Alegre in 1997 and returned in December to complete his Senior year.

Sujata Pradeep Sharma, is spending her Sophomore year at the *Lycee* in France.

Trina Bryant, a Senior METCO student, will be our representative to Porto Alegre in 1998.

- Carina, Audrey and Joe were honored at the Affiliation's annual reception in October at which they were officially welcomed by Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Joseph W. Mullin, Interim School Superintendent, John Stayn, and High School Assistant Principal Robert Desaulniers.
- As the year ended two former exchange students, *Sophie Guebel*, (from Rombas in 1994-95) and *Eduardo Beheregaray*, (Porto Alegre, 1993-94) were in Weston for the holidays.
- *Martha Bancroft*, a teacher at Weston High School and long-time Committee member, visited Rombas during the December vacation.



Sujata Sharma, Weston to Rombas, 1997-98

- In addition, at least two former exchange students from Weston have been, or expect to be, visited by friends made during their time abroad.

The French and Brazilian cultural exchanges are valuable not only to the individual students and families who participate, but also to the towns and schools involved.

**REPORT OF THE WESTON WAR MEMORIAL
EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE**

In 1953, the Town voted to establish a fund to be called the Weston War Memorial Educational Fund as a memorial to the men and women who served in the Armed Forces in times of war.

During 1997, the Weston War Memorial Education Fund provided college scholarships to graduates of Weston High School in the amount of \$8,500.00.

The fund earned \$9,315.25 from its share of investment income. The principal of this fund is raised through the generous support of town residents, businesses and friends.

The Committee would like to thank the volunteers who assist each year with the annual fund drive mailing. Anyone interested in assisting the Committee next November is more than welcome.

Principal Balance, June 30, 1996	\$ 130,983.20
Annual Fund Appeal	4,910.00
Weston Post No. 214, American Legion	18,066.46
Gift in memory of Joseph Benotti	5,000.00
Gain on sale of investments	13,853.27
Principal balance, June 30, 1997	\$ 172,812.93

TOWN RECORDS

APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN during 1997

In addition to the Officers of the Town who are listed beginning on page 11 of this Town Report the following appointments were made by the Board of Selectmen:

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Antony C. Baker	Paul B. Nicholas, Jr.
Edward J. Barbetti	Elizabeth D. Nichols
Stephen G. Carter	David T. Nims
William T. Craig	Frederick W. Nims
John Cronin	Peter Perrin
Edward M. Dickson	Kenneth M. Rivers
John Finnerty	Daniel J. Robertson
Ripley E. Hastings	Dwight F. Robertson
Harold Hestnes	John C. Ryan
William J. Hourihan	John E. Thorburn
Keith M. Kasprzak	Michael J. Tuttle
Ann G. Leibowitz	Joan M. Vernon
Charles E. MacLeod, Jr.	Edmund M. Walker
Paul A. Morrison	Peter J. Walsh
Joseph W. Mullin	Jack S. Weiner
Lee E. Munson	Paul E. Young
Richard A. Murray	Thomas J. Zagami

ELECTION WORKERS 1997-1998

PRECINCT I	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
Warden	Rita Hirsch	--
	Mary J. Woll	--
Clerk	--	Barbara Fonda
Deputy Clerk	--	Jean Jones
Inspectors	Peter Morton (U)	Sally S. Barnes
	Theresa M. Mirablile	Ann Lesser
		Mary E. McMahon (U)
Deputy Inspectors	Nancy G. Pearson	Virginia M. Carpenter
	Helen E. Sgroi	Helen V. Zolla
PRECINCT II		
Warden	Lynn T. Broutas	--
Deputy Warden	--	--
Clerk	--	Joan B. Vernon (U)
Deputy Clerk	--	Katharine T. Smith

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
Inspectors	Albert Kalman (U) Elizabeth H. Moore (U)	Valerie A. Kirshy (U) Corinne Clarke
Deputy Inspectors	Elizabeth A. Coan Bernice Gully	Ruth Helen Banghart Frank S. Senior, Jr. (U)
PRECINCT III		
Warden	Patricia K. Shotwell	--
Deputy Warden	Beatrice D. Fitzpatrick	--
Clerk	--	Beverly Shepherd
Deputy Clerk	--	Joyce Downes
Inspectors	Mary C. Jensen (U) Dorothy A. Metzger (U)	Nancy B. Bates Anne M. Lavacchia (U)
Deputy Inspectors	Margery L. Blacklow Eileen D. Thibeault	Beatrice S. Forman (U) Francis B. Bryson (U)
PRECINCT IV		
Warden	Earl J. Forman	--
Deputy Warden	Marybelle H. Cochran	--
Clerk	--	Florence G. Atkins
Deputy Clerk	--	Dorothy Concannon
Inspectors	Elizabeth Paine (U) Nancy Baer	Grace Pina Dorothea S. Santos (U)
Deputy Inspectors	Joan Bryson (U) James C. Brenner	Barbara K. Peatman
TABULATION CENTER		
Warden	Burton M. Foster	--
Clerk	--	Susan R. Banghart
Inspectors	--	Amy C. Richardson

TELLERS

DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
Linda M. Abegglen	Mary G. Aydelott (U)
Jane Brigham	Susan R. Banghart
Sandra C. Coburn (U)	Anne Bennett (U)
Nina Danforth	Cristy Ballou Brackett
Gail J. Donnelly (U)	Barbara A. Dillaway
Beatrice Forman	Jean S. Dowell
Bettye C. Freeman	F. Douglas Garron
Elmer E. Jones	Carol A. Gilbert
William J. McCarthy, Jr.	Stephen E. Humphrey
Ellen McMahon (U)	Nancy Mack
Edward V. W. Rossiter	Krista Scoville
Ruth C. Sheehan	Joseph P. Sheehan, Jr.
Robert C. Webb	Milton T. Theall (U)
Lisbeth C. Zeytoonjian (U)	Jean M. Valle (U)

LICENSES ISSUED BY SELECTMEN - 1997

Common Victuallers

Ye Olde Cottage Restaurant, Inc.	403 Boston Post Road
Dennis Maxwell - d/b/a Dairy Joy	331 North Avenue
Beantown Bagels, Inc. - d/b/a Bruegger's Bagel Bakery	21 Centre Street

Food and Beverage Dispensing (Chapter 140, Section 21E, M.G.L.)

Weston Golf Club	275 Meadowbrook Road
Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman Tennis Center	100 Brown Street
Pine Brook Country Club, Inc.	42 Newton Street

Public Event or Entertainment

Weston Carriage Society Horse Show	April 26, 1997
Weston-Wayland Open Spring Horse Show	May 3, 1997

Parades, Bicycle Tours and Road Races, etc.

Weston Community	<i>Horse-drawn Hay</i>	
Children's Association	<i>Ride</i>	April 26, 1997
The Brain Tumor Society	<i>Bicycle Ride</i>	May 18, 1997
St. Jude's Research Hospital	<i>Bicycle Tour</i>	June 8, 1997
Love Lane Special Needs Program	<i>Road Race</i>	July 31, 1997
Rotary Club of Weston	<i>Antique Car Show</i>	September 27, 1997
Weston Community Children's Association	<i>Halloween Parade</i>	October 30, 1997

Public Entertainment on Sunday

Jericho Forest Pony Club	<i>Two-Phase Horse Show</i>	April 27, 1997
Weston Dressage & Two-Phase Competition	<i>Horseback riding</i>	May 4, 1997
Jericho Forest Pony Club	<i>Dressage Rally</i>	May 18, 1997
Jericho Forest Pony Club	<i>Two-Phase Horse Show</i>	October 19, 1997
Weston Fall Hunter Pace	<i>Horseback Riding</i>	November 9, 1997
Women's American ORT - Wayside Chapter	<i>Holiday Festival</i>	December 7, 1997

Taxicab and Coach

Janet V. Millian	Private Livery Service
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THE FOLLOWING SELECTED VOTES WERE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IN 1997

January 7, 1997

William Orifice, Barbetti Trucking, Inc., appeared in support of his written requests, (1) for a meeting of the Selectmen with the solid waste collectors concerning the increased fees for disposal of solid waste at the Town's transfer facility which were placed in effect January 1, 1997, and (2) that the increased fees be suspended until such a meeting is held. The Board stated that the commercial haulers should meet with the Public Works Committee to review the increase in fees and voted to delay increase of the fee to \$65 per ton until April 1, 1997 unless a revised rate is agreed to by the commercial haulers and the Public Works Committee for adoption by the Board of Selectmen at an earlier date.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, petition to the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled for An Act Relative to the Investment of Certain Trust Funds by the Commissioners of Trust Funds of the Town of Weston. (The Selectmen are authorized by vote under Article 5 of the warrant for the special town meeting held on December 9, 1996, to file such a petition.)

Voted to approve steps to be taken to explore the possibility of expanding commuter rail parking along access road to the transfer facility. The Director of Operations, DPW, will work with the Conservation Commission to develop a plan for additional commuter parking; this will require some engineering studies to determine the nature of the work required in order to obtain permits and approvals from the appropriate agencies of the Town and Commonwealth. Funds will be made available from the Selectmen's Consulting and Professional Services appropriation.

January 15, 1997

Voted to approve draft of Amendment to Agreement between Town of Weston and Weston Community Housing, Inc. Further voted to authorize submission of the Amendment to officers of W.C.H. for acceptance.

The Board received from the NLS Group letter proposing lease of property of the Town (Police Station at 180 Boston Post Road By-Pass) for Personal Communication System installation. Voted to approve site visit and the conduct of tests on the site to determine its suitability for such use. The Board requested that the agreement be reviewed and approved by Town Counsel.

January 21, 1997

The Board considered letter from Nynex proposing the acquisition of an easement on land of the Town on the east side of the Central Fire Station for the purpose of installing a concrete pad and a ground mounted structure known as a Serving Area Interface Cabinet. The site has the approval of the Chief of Fire Department and has been reviewed by Director, D.P.W. with comments on street work and landscaping to shield the cabinet from view. Voted to include an article in the warrant for annual town meeting to authorize an easement.

Voted to ask the following Town officials to meet and survey the areas where consolidation of maintenance and operational activities might be possible and beneficial and what steps might be necessary to accomplish the objectives. Richard C. Nota, Director of Operations, D.P.W; David Dunkley, Director, Department of Buildings and Grounds, School Department; Philip Johnson, Coordinator School Transportation; and Douglas MacDougall, Director of Recreation. The group will be asked to produce a factual report for further consideration.

January 28, 1997

Voted to approve request of Westgate Church for new signs to replace existing directional signs to Westgate Church and Academy. The signs are to be 18" wide by 24" high, cranberry letters on white reflective background located as follows:

1. South Avenue and Park Road (north side)
2. South Avenue and Wellesley Street (southwest corner)
3. South Avenue and Winter Street (southwest corner)
4. South Avenue and Brown Street (east corner, double faced)
5. Winter Street and Brown Street (southeast corner, double faced)
6. Wellesley Street and Brown Street (northwest corner)

Voted to approve draft of letter designating members of Task Force to study possible consolidation of functions and activities related to maintenance and operation of equipment and use of facilities, and requesting that they report back to the Selectmen no later than March 31, 1997.

February 4, 1997

The Board received and considered letter from Albert S. Robinson, Esquire, on behalf of Dr. and Mrs. Klietmann requesting a change in location of a fifty (50) foot wide easement across their lot from Davenport Road to conservation land of the Town. The Conservation Commission has been asked to consider the change and has voted against approving it. The Board voted to concur with the Conservation Commission after hearing that the change would require removal of trees and moving stone wall to retain the utility of the existing trail in the easement.

The Board met with members of the Planning Board and Conservation Commission to consider Notice of Intent to Sell and Convert to Other Use land subject to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 61B, Section 9, which carries a right of first refusal for Town to purchase 22.862 acres of land owned by Edward W. Coburn on Church Street for the sum of \$1,000,000. The Planning Board and Conservation Commission recommended that the Board of Selectmen act under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 61B, Section 9, to acquire the land for preservation and other municipal purposes. The Board asked the Planning Board and Conservation Commission to form a task force which will act quickly to develop a plan for further consideration which could be taken to a special town meeting to be held no later than April 7, 1997. Voted to authorize the expenditure of no more than \$1,500 for the use of Town Counsel to assist the task force.

February 11, 1997

The Board considered bids for printing 1996 Annual Town Report. Mr. Carter recommended rejection of the apparent low bidder as being not responsive to the bid by reason of omitting the information requested concerning the location of the plant to do the printing and statement on the bid that all work is to be performed in the bidder's plant, when printing will be done not in Amherst, MA but in Brooklyn, N.Y. by China Printing and Publishing Co., Inc. The bid of Athol Press is deemed acceptable and is recommended despite the additional cost of \$1,360, the total estimated price being \$8,953. Voted to reject the bid of Kathryn Anne Graphics for not being responsive. Further voted to sign, and signed accordingly, acceptance of bid by Athol Press.

The Board considered bids for Group Insurance Consulting Services. Voted to award a three year contract to the low bidder, Advanced Benefit Solutions, Inc., for the price of \$4,800 per year.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly in triplicate, two documents for submission to Massachusetts Highway Department for reimbursement of \$58,665 for purchase of truck: 1) Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request, and 2) Chapter 90 Final Report.

The Board considered recommendation for award of contract for installation of water main in Sanderson Lane subdivision. Voted to award contract to Brite Excavating Co. whose bid, based on estimated quantities used for bid comparison purposes and the unit prices bid, was the lowest bid received for a contract sum of \$6,000.00.

Voted to request from Peter Hardy, Esquire, counsel for Edward W. Coburn, a copy of the purchase and sale agreement for parcel of 22.862 acres now subject to provisions of Chapter 61B, Sec. 9, of M.G.L.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly in triplicate, Amendment No. 5 to Regulations for Use of the Town Dump, changing the effective date of increase in rates for Class 2 Licenses to April 1, 1997.

February 19, 1997

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, notice of Town Caucus to be held on Monday, March 10, 1997.

Voted to approve and adopt proposed Vehicle Usage Policy.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, acceptances of bids for water main materials for extension in Sanderson Lane subdivision. Low bids are by four different companies for specified items.

John Hoadley & Sons, Inc. - Items 1a,1b, & 3.

Public Works Supply Co., Inc.-Items 2a, 2b, 6a, and 6b.

H.R. Prescott & Sons, Inc. Items 4, 5a and 5b.

Stiles Co., Inc. - Item 7.

February 25, 1997

The Board considered with Town Treasurer and Collector the issue of notes in anticipation of bonds authorized for the following purposes:

<u>Vote</u>		<u>Amount</u>	<u>This</u>	<u>Bonds</u>	<u>Statutory</u>
<u>Passed</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Authority of</u>
5/13/96	High School Renovation	\$14,150,000	\$2,500,000		7(3), 7(3A)
2/5/96	High School Planning	850,000	850,000		7(21)
12/9/96	Middle School Planning	742,000	740,000		7(21), 7(22)
5/9/88	Water Extension	450,000	340,000	110,000	8(5)
5/10/96	Burial Grounds	240,000	240,000		7(20)
5/10/95	Fire Pumper	216,000	216,000		7(9)
11/20/95	Computer Hardware	245,000	206,000		7(28)
11/20/95	Computer Software	265,000	171,000		7(29)
8/9/96	Water Mains	360,000	50,000		7(29)
5/12/93	Computer Hardware	145,000	39,000	106,000	7(28)
5/12/93	Computer Software	80,000	6,000	74,000	7(29)
5/10/95	Street Sweeper	95,000	2,000	90,000	7(9)

The Board voted: That all action taken by the Town Treasurer in advertising for public sale of the \$5,360,000 Bond Anticipation Notes (Municipal Purpose Loan of 1997, Bonds) (the "Notes") of the Town, issued in anticipation of bonds authorized pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7,8 and 16 of the

Massachusetts General Laws, as amended and supplemented, and by votes of the Town duly adopted and, described herein, and by a vote of the Emergency Finance Board, dated December 10, 1996, in that connection, preparing and distributing a Preliminary Official Statement and Notice of Sale and a final Official Statement, be and hereby is ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted;

That the Notes shall be dated as of March 4, 1997, shall mature on March 4, 1998, shall be numbered consecutively and subject to the provisions of this vote, shall be in such form, of such denomination and contain such other details as the Town Treasurer and a majority of the Board of Selectmen shall determine or approve by their execution of the Notes;

That the Notes shall originally be issued by means of a book-entry system evidencing ownership and transfer of the Notes; and in the event of failure or termination of the book-entry system, Fleet National Bank, in Boston Massachusetts, shall issue replacement notes in the form of fully registered certificates;

That said Fleet National Bank, shall certify the Notes as to its genuineness and shall act as Note Registrar, Transfer Agent and Paying Agent therefor;

That the Notes shall bear interest and is hereby sold and awarded as follows:

<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Note No.</u>	<u>Denominations</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Premium</u>
Fleet Securities, Inc.	R-1	\$400,000	3.50%	\$280.00
Baybank, N.A.	R-2	\$2,500,000	3.50%	2,255.00
BayBank, N.A.	R-3	\$2,460,000	3.75%	6,011.72

That the Board of Selectmen and the Town Treasurer be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a Material Events Disclosure Certificate generally as described in the official statement relating to the Notes and to incorporate by reference thereto in the Notes such Certificate both in such form as the signatures may approve by their execution thereof, and the obligation of the Town contained in such certificate is hereby approved and confirmed.

That the Board of Selectmen, the Treasurer and the Town Clerk be and hereby are, and each of them severally is, authorized to take such action, and to execute and deliver such certificates, receipts, or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing vote.

That the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized to prepare and deliver the Notes to the aforesaid purchaser or purchasers or order against payment in full of the agreed purchase price."

Accordingly, the Board signed the three notes, Material Events Disclosure Certificate, Certificate and Designation, Non-Arbitrage and Use of Proceeds Certificate.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, Vehicle Usage Policy adopted at meeting held on February 19, 1997. Further voted to increase the rate per mile paid to employees driving their personal vehicles on Town business to \$.31, effective July 1, 1997.

March 4, 1997

The Board received from Director of Operations report that Public Works Committee has approved Stormwater Management Report for 1997 to be filed with U.S.E.P.A. if approved by Board of Selectmen. The Board voted to approve filing of said report.

Voted to authorize Town Counsel to work with Counsel for Regis College in preparing an agreement for easement in Wellesley Street for a sewer pipe.

Voted to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Agreement with Sprint Spectrum L. P. granting permission for tests on site of Weston Police Station for Personal Communications Service. The Agreement was accordingly signed by the Chairman.

March 11, 1997

The Board held hearing on notice of intention to lay out Scotch Pine Road for acceptance as a public way. There were no appearances. Voted to approve the layout of Scotch Pine Road as a public town way.

The Board received from Massachusetts Highway Department draft Special Speed Regulation No. 7695 applicable to Kings Grant Road between North Avenue and Indian Hill Road. Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly in duplicate, for submission to M.H.D. and Registry of Motor Vehicles for signatures.

March 18, 1997

Voted to adopt and sign, and signed accordingly, the warrant for a special town meeting to be held on Monday, April 7, 1997. Further voted that attested copies of said warrant be posted at the Town Hall, at the Kendal Green railroad station, and on the Town bulletin board at the north entrance of Weston High School on Wellesley Street, fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

Voted to approve proposed change order No. 4, in the amount of \$9,600, to contract with John Wacker & Associates, Inc. for additional services required by Linwood Cemetery Expansion Project.

Voted to approve recommendation of Chief of Police and Community Services Officer for crosswalk markings in North Avenue at Viles Street where the sidewalk location changes from the southwesterly to the northeasterly side of North Avenue.

March 26, 1997

Voted to approve and authorize Chairman to sign certificate of Action by Consent to ratify and approve amendment to Articles of Incorporation of Massachusetts Education and Government Association Workers' Compensation Group, Inc. for the purpose of establishing its tax exempt status with Internal Revenue Service. The certificate was accordingly signed by the Chairman.

Voted to sign, and signed accordingly in duplicate, Change Order No. 4 to Agreement with John Wacker & Associates, Inc. for construction services, Linwood Cemetery Development project, in an amount not to exceed \$9,600 additional.

The Board considered the Roadway Maintenance Program - 1997 prepared by Director of Operations, D.P.W., for FY1998. Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, Chapter 90 Project Request in the amount of \$393,849.79 for submission to Mass. Highway Department.

The Board received from the Women's Community League a proposal for changes in the heating and cooling facilities for the Josiah Smith Tavern barn. The proposed work is in the portion of the structure leased to the League and all costs will be borne by the League. Voted to approve this proposed work subject to approval by the Society for Preservation of New England Antiquities.

The Board held hearings on notices of intention to lay out the following private ways as public ways: Black Burnian Road, Cerulean Way, and Falmouth Road. There were no appearances for Black Burnian Road or Cerulean Way. Charles Roazen, Forest Lindwall, Gerald Kraft and Kenneth Goldberg appeared in support of the layout of Falmouth Road. The Board voted to lay out Black Burnian Road, Cerulean Way and Falmouth Road as public town ways.

Voted to open warrant for annual town meeting for petitions for articles and to close it as of 5:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 1, 1997.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly in triplicate, Amendment to Agreement between Town of Weston and Woodard & Curran, Inc. for engineering services, Sanderson Lane Subdivision water main installation in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.

The Board considered quotations received for printing 1997 Warrant and Budget Report. Voted to award contract to the low bidder, Accuforms, Inc., Braintree, MA, for the price of \$3,200, plus or minus \$80.00 per page for fewer or additional pages.

Voted to approve recommendation of the Director of Operations, DPW, that contracts for engineering services be awarded to: National Engineering, Inc. for Permit Acquisition and Design of temporary parking area at Kendal Green, for the sum of \$10,250; and to Green Environmental, Inc. for initial site investigation at Public Works Yard concerning report of hazardous waste spill, for the sum of \$9,000. The costs of this investigation shall be provided from the Selectmen's appropriation for Consulting and Professional Services.

April 4, 1997

Voted to request that the Board of Assessors transfer to the reserve fund any balances in the Overlay accounts for the fiscal years 1990 through 1996 inclusive which are in excess of the warrants remaining to be collected or abated, and to give written notice to the Selectmen and Town Accountant of such transfer

April 7, 1997

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly in quadruplicate, agreement between the Town of Weston and Cold Stream Limited Partnership to waive the first refusal option of the Town of Weston to purchase land of Edward W. Coburn, consisting of 22.862 acres located on Church Street, which land is subject to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 61B, Section 9, such approval and signing shall be void if a bank check in the amount of \$100,000 is not received by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 9, 1997, to be held pursuant to the terms of the Agreement.

April 8, 1997

The Board considered the proposed layout of Scotch Pine Road, Falmouth Road, Black Burnian Road and Cerulean Way as public town ways. Voted to adopt and sign the layout orders and accompanying plans for each of the ways. Further voted to file the said orders and plans with the Town Clerk.

The Board received report from Conservation Commission recommending the acceptance of two parcels of land for conservation purposes in exchange for abatement of all real estate taxes outstanding on these parcels. The Board of Assessors has obtained approval for such abatements. The parcels are in the names of: Roland W. Jutras, Map 32, Lot 21-050 and Eino Keerd, Map 49, Lot 24-80. Voted to approve acceptance of these parcels for conservation purposes.

The Board met with Ripley E. Hastings, Philip H. Thurston, Vincent J. Costantini, Lenore Lobel, Cheryl Johnson, Carol G. Hinckley, and Robert L. Birnbaum, members of the Finance Committee, to consider budget and financial plan for fiscal year 1998. Voted to request from the voters an override of the provisions of proposition 2 ½ in the amount of \$450,000.

April 29, 1997

The Board received report of bids for water main extension in new subdivision off Coburn Road. Voted to award a contract to N. Sacca & Sons, Inc., the low bidder, as recommended by the Director of Operations, D.P.W.

May 12, 1997

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly in triplicate, Purchase and Sale Agreement between Town of Weston and Executors of the Will of Arthur L. Coburn, Jr., and the Trustees of Homestead Realty Trust for acquisition of premises and improvements thereon known as 153 Church Street, Weston, Massachusetts, consisting of 4.68 acres of land +/-.

May 13, 1997

The Board met with Ripley Hastings, Robert Birnbaum, Robbe Burnstine, Lenore Lobel, Philip Thurston, Vincent Costantini, Marillyn Zacharis, and Carol Hinckley, members of the Finance Committee, to consider budget changes in order to comply with levy limit in the absence of an override of Proposition 2-12. Also in attendance were Tony Nolan, Darcy Lettieri, Jeri Cooper and Kitty Smith, members of the School Committee, Doris Sullivan, Richard Rotnem, Rob Kulow, and William Hartmann, Library Trustees, Jean Thurston, member of the DPW Advisory Committee, as well as John Stayn, Meredith Jones, Doug MacDougall, and David Lindsay. It was agreed that of the \$450,000 in needed budget cuts, 60%, or \$270,000, would come from the School budget and 40%, or \$180,000, would come from the budgets of all other Town departments. The Selectmen expressed their willingness to take up to \$120,000 out of the DPW budget in the areas of drainage and equipment. There was agreement that the Finance Committee liaisons would discuss with their departments other possible reductions and report back at the Finance Committee meeting to be held on Thursday, May 15, 1997.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, change order no. 2 to contract with R. A. Hammond Construction for widening of road in areas of development at Linwood Cemetery, in the amount of \$900.

May 20, 1997

The Board considered request from Carol Barry for rental of space in Town building to conduct classes in preparation for P.S.A.T. Voted to deny her request because it is a profit-making activity.

Voted to authorize the Town Administrator to arrange for the services of License Site Professional (LSP) to comply with regulations concerning the report of Massachusetts Contingency Plan reportable condition, South Avenue, transmitted by M.W.R.A. as a result of borings for water main installation on South Avenue.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly in triplicate, Amendment to Agreement with Woodard & Curran for professional engineering services in connection with water main installation in Coburn Road subdivision, in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.

May 27, 1997

The Board considered the problem of office space for Board of Health personnel to be employed as of July 1, 1997. Voted to approve the use of the Town Hall conference room #1 for the Board of Health.

June 3, 1997

Voted to adopt revised vacation policy for non-union employees to be effective July 1, 1997.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, agreement with Green Environmental, Inc. for a site investigation to be performed at the Highway yard, pursuant to Massachusetts Contingency Plan for the purpose of providing a Response Action Outcome Statement relative to release tracking number 3-4691.

The Board considered Rail Trail schedule and working group structure. Mr. Mullin proposed that a number of task forces be created to work on the various issues related to the proposed Rail Trail. Anyone who is interested may participate in the task forces. The working group itself will be composed of a representative from each of the following: Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee, Sidewalk Committee, Recreation Commission, School Committee, Finance Committee, Ecologically Concerned Outdoorsmen (ECO), Wayside Rail Trail, MetroWest Bicycle Task Force, Weston Forest & Trail Association, Weston Business Association, and one representative from each of the following neighborhoods: Concord Road, Church Street, Carroll Circle, Conant Road, and Gun Club Lane. Representatives from the Fire, Police and Public Works Departments will be invited to attend meetings and advise the working group, but not vote. It is intended that the working group will meet weekly for the next six months. The Board agreed with Mr. Mullin's proposal.

June 10, 1997

Voted to approve and authorize Chairman to sign approval of Confirmatory Conservation Restriction by J. R. Fennel Realty Trust for Lot 11 of "Laurel Farm Subdivision." The approval was accordingly signed by the Chairman.

Voted to approve renewal of workers compensation insurance for fiscal year 1998 with Massachusetts Education & Government Association.

The Board received report of rates for group health insurance for fiscal year 1998. Voted to approve acceptance of proposals by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts and Harvard Community Health Plan.

The Board received from the Weston Land Trust letter requesting that the Selectmen appoint a committee to study the issue of establishing a land bank in Weston, funded by a transfer tax on real estate. Voted to refer the letter to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission, for their consideration.

June 13, 1997

Voted to request from Town Counsel opinion concerning the Memorandum of Agreement between Town of Weston and Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Do the terms and conditions relative to compensation for conveyance of conservation land to the MWRA by the Town survive the failure of the Town meeting to approve such conveyance? Would these be enforceable against the MWRA if the legislature authorized the acquisition of the land for use by MWRA?

June 17, 1997

As recommended by the Director, D.P.W., voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, Change Order #5 to Agreement with John Wacker & Associates, Inc. for construction services Linwood Cemetery, Phase II, in the amount of \$5,800.

Voted to approve placement of crosswalk in Church Street near railroad bridge, in the location recommended by the Community Services Officer and Chief of Police.

Voted to authorize award of contracts for the following public works services and/or supplies:

- Bituminous Concrete Mix at Supplier's plant to Massachusetts Broken Stone Company at \$27.00 per ton.
- Bituminous Concrete Mix delivered to Town of Weston to Lorusso Corp. at \$26.00 per ton.
- Bituminous Concrete Crack Filling to Crack-Sealing, Inc. at \$3.00 per gallon.
- Construction Materials-Gravel Borrow-Type B and Crushed Stone to E. H. Perkins, \$850. And \$2,687.50 respectively

- Construction Materials-Gravel Borrow-Type C, Processed Gravel, Dense Graded Stone and Topsoil/Plantable Soil Borrow to Kingstown Corp., \$897, \$1,097, \$3,867.50, and \$2,320.50 respectively.
- Sudbury Road-Bituminous Concrete in Place to Lorusso Corp. at \$29.22 per ton, \$26,298. - chargeable to Chapter 90 project.

June 24, 1997

The Board met with representatives of Town of Weston Employees Association, NAGE, Local R1-205 to sign collective bargaining agreement for period July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1998. The agreement was accordingly signed by both parties.

Voted to approve and authorize "Hidden Driveway" sign for 190 Summer Street as recommended by Police Chief Mayo.

Voted to approve and authorize a "Dead End" sign in Glen Road at Summit Road as recommended by Police Chief Mayo.

At the request of E.L. Harvey & Sons, Inc., voted to approve reduction in performance bond amount from \$120,000 to \$50,000 in connection with contract for hauling waste to Millbury.

The Board voted to award contracts for work of the Department of Public Works:

- 1) Roadway, Surfacing, Maintenance & Repair, FY98 -
 - Bituminous Concrete In Place to low bidder, Lorusso Corp.
 - Stone Seal Surface Treatment to low bidder, All States Asphalt
 - Cold Planing and Profiling Bituminous Concrete to low bidder, Bardon Trimount, Inc.
- 2) Chestnut Street Water Main Replacement - Materials -
 - Pipe: to Atlantic States Pipe
 - Valves and Hydrants: to Public Works Supply Co., Inc.
 - Pipe Fittings, Service Connection, Service Tubing, and Pipe Saddles: to John Hoadley & Sons, Inc.
 - Gate Boxes: to H.R. Prescott & Sons, Inc.
 - Joint Restraints: to Ti-Sales, Inc.
- 3) Chestnut Street Water Main Replacement - Installation to low bidder, Tornare Construction Corp.

Further voted to authorize the preparation of contracts and bonds for execution by the low bidders.

Voted to accept the bid of OTW, Inc., Franklin, MA, for the purchase and disposal of the Town's used computer equipment, for the price of \$51.50.

Voted to place the final action concerning the Wayside Rail Trail before a special town meeting in the fall of 1997.

July 1, 1997

Voted to approve and authorize Town Administrator to sign applications to the Lafayette Life Insurance Company for Stop Loss insurance for the Blue Cross Blue Shield plans for Weston Town employees for year 1997-1998. The rates provided through American Stop Loss Insurance Brokerage Services, Inc. are lowest received through negotiations and solicitation by Advanced Benefit Solutions, Inc.

Voted to sign, and signed accordingly in triplicate, acceptances of bids for materials for Chestnut Street water main replacement as follow: Atlantic States Cast Iron Pipe Co., \$72,424.80 for ductile iron pipe; Public Works Supply Co., \$17,315.50 for valves and hydrants; John Hoadley & Sons, Inc., \$8,329.66 for pipe fittings, service tubing and pipe saddles; H.R.Prescott & Sons, Inc., \$1,521.00 for gate valves; and Ti-Sales, Inc. \$5,475.00 for joint restraints.

Voted to approve renewal of insurance policies for fiscal year 1998 as follows:

Property and Liability, Motor Vehicles, and Public Officials Liability with Great American Insurance Co.; and Boiler and Machinery with Royal Insurance Company; all at the same annualized cost as in fiscal year 1997.

Voted to sign, and signed accordingly, notice to Tornare Construction Corp. of award of contract for installation of water pipe in Chestnut Street.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly in quadruplicate Agreement with Local 419, I.B.P.O. for period July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1997.

The Board received bids for furnishing No. 2 Fuel Oil for use in Town buildings during the year ending June 30, 1998. Voted to accept the bid of Positive Energy Management, Inc., low bidder, and to sign acceptance in duplicate, which was accordingly signed.

July 8, 1997

Voted to approve the recommendation of the Director, D.P.W. that steps be taken to recruit a junior engineer.

The Board considered the acceptance of two parcels of land to be conveyed to the Town for Conservation purposes in exchange for abatement of real estate taxes, costs and interest due on each parcel. The Conservation Commission has voted to accept and the Board of Selectmen on April 8, 1997, voted to approve acceptance of the conveyance of the two parcels. Voted to authorize the Secretary to execute a certificate that such a vote was adopted.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, Memorandum of Agreement (MA37163) for allocation of funds for Highway work pursuant to Chapter 113 of the Acts of 1996, in the amount of \$357,689.00.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, Easement to be conveyed to New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for conduit and pad mounted serving area interface cabinet.

July 15, 1997

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly in triplicate, Mutual Aid Agreement between Town of Weston and State Police, regarding the following MDC properties in Weston: all exterior areas of the Weston Reservoir, and all MDC areas adjacent to and in the vicinity of Ash Street and Newton Street.

The Board received from the Police Chief report of receipt of gift in the amount of \$3,290.00 from Regis College to cover costs of providing additional receiver point on Doublet Hill Water Tower, which will help eliminate radio blockage in MA Pike/Route 128/Route 30. Voted to approve acceptance of the gift and to authorize under authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A expenditure for the stated purpose without appropriation.

The Board considered bids received for Tree Services for FY98. Voted to award the contract to the low bidder, Asplundh Tree Expert Co., Willow Grove, PA, as recommended by Richard C. Nota, Director of Operations, DPW. Further voted to authorize preparation of contract documents and bonds for execution by the bidder.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, amendment 1A, in the amount of \$2,230.06, to contract with Woodard & Curran for providing construction administration and resident engineering services with respect to the construction of water mains in Sanderson Lane.

July 22, 1997

The Board met with the Treasurer and Collector and Town Clerk to consider, approve and sign documents in connection with borrowings in anticipation of serial loans for the following purposes:

1. Weston High School Renovations - \$6,000,000
2. Purchase of land of Coburn, 153 Church Street - \$1,700,000
3. Water Main Replacement Chestnut Street - \$310,000

Voted: That all action taken by the Town Treasurer in advertising for public sale of the \$8,010,000 Bond Anticipation Note (Municipal Purpose Loan of 1997) (the "Notes") of the Town, issued in anticipation of bonds authorized pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7, 8 and 16 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended and supplemented, and by votes of the Town duly adopted and described herein, and by a vote of the Emergency Finance Board, be and hereby is ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

That the Notes shall be dated as of August 4, 1997, shall mature on October 1, 1997, shall be numbered and subject to the provisions of this vote, shall be in such form, of such denomination and contain such other details as the Town

Treasurer and a majority of the Board of Selectmen shall determine or approve by their execution of the Note;

That the Notes shall originally be issued by means of a book-entry system evidencing ownership and transfer of the Notes; and in the event of failure or termination of the book-entry system, BankBoston, N.A., in Burlington, Massachusetts, shall issue replacement notes in the form of fully registered certificates;

That the Director of Accounts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue shall certify the Note as to its genuineness;

That said BankBoston, N.A., shall act as Transfer Agent and Paying Agent therefor;

That the Note shall bear interest and is hereby sold and awarded as follows:

<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Denominations</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Premium</u>
State Street Bank and Trust Company	\$8,010,000	4.09%	-0-

That the Board of Selectmen and Town Treasurer be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a Material Events Disclosure Certificate generally as described in the official statement relating to the Notes and to incorporate by reference thereto in the Note such Certificate both in such form as the signatures may approve by their execution thereof, and the obligation of the Town contained in such certificate is hereby approved and confirmed.

That the Board of Selectmen, the Treasurer and the Town Clerk be and hereby are, and each of them severally is, authorized to take such action, and to execute and deliver such certificates, receipts, or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing vote.

That the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized to prepare and deliver the Note to the aforesaid purchaser or order against payment in full of the agreed purchase price.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly in duplicate, Chapter 90 Project Request under Memorandum of Agreement No. 36458 in the amount of \$59,399.00 for purchase of dump truck.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, acceptance of low bid for furnishing one new trailer mounted, high pressure water jet storm drain cleaner from Sewer Equipment Co. of America for the sum of \$24,775.00 with 1-year warranty for \$750 and root cutting assembly for \$690, a total of \$26,215.

The Board considered bids received for Work Clothing for D.P.W. employees. Voted to reject the bid of Work 'N Gear, the apparent low bidder, as being non-responsive, because several items do not meet the specifications. Voted to award the contract to the second low bidder, WearGuard Corporation of

Norwell, Massachusetts, as recommended by the Director, D.P.W. Further voted to sign, and signed accordingly, acceptance of the bid.

Voted to authorize Town Counsel to confer with counsel for Paul J. Donahue, as recommended by the Planning Board, to draft zoning by-law amendments with respect to development of land off Glenfield East.

August 5, 1997

The Board received report on proposed exploration of site of Fiske Law Office for a suitable subsurface sanitary system. At the recommendation of the Town Administrator, voted to award a contract to perform the work to Victor G. Pesek.

The Board received report of Chief of Police concerning traffic safety issue raised by Weston Post Office at driveway from 140 Chestnut Street. At the Chief's recommendation, voted to ask the Highway Department to trim brush that is obstructing the view of traffic and to ask the owners of the property to trim brush on their property.

Voted to approve the installation of one street light in Beaver Road at the intersection with Walnut Road, at the request of the residents of the area.

August 12, 1997

Voted to adopt and sign, and signed accordingly in triplicate, Order of Taking for acceptance of Scotch Pine Road (portion) and Falmouth Road as public town ways pursuant to votes accepting layouts of the roads under Articles 31 and 32, respectively, of the warrant at the adjourned session of the annual town meeting May 21, 1997.

Voted to adopt and sign, and signed accordingly in triplicate, Order of Taking for acceptance of Blackburnian Road and Cerulean Way as public town ways pursuant to votes accepting layouts of the roads under Articles 29 and 30, respectively, of the warrant at the adjourned session of the annual town meeting May 21, 1997.

August 26, 1997

The Board met with Sotir Papalilo and Mark O'Hagan, for an update on Winter Gardens Project and discussion of possible proposal to Massachusetts Turnpike Authority for use of its property off Riverside Road. The Board voted to authorize the placement of street signs for Upham Way and Dickson Lane. The Board was asked by Mr. Papalilo and Mr. O'Hagan for a letter of support for their proposed residential development on Riverside Road. The Board declined to write such a letter, but agreed to consider at their next meeting writing a letter of reference based on the Town's experience with the Winter Gardens Project.

Voted to approve, effective October 1, 1997, schedules of Revised Fees for Building Permits, Electric Permits and Gas and Plumbing Permits. Further voted to sign, and signed accordingly, three votes in duplicate to be posted in the Inspection Office and filed in the office of Town Clerk.

The Board considered memorandum concerning schedule for special town meeting to deal with zoning by-law amendment(s) relative to development plans of Paul Donahue for land off South Avenue at Glenfield East. The Board voted not to call a special town meeting for this purpose, but instead to advise Mr. Donahue that if he wishes to bring business before a special town meeting, he must obtain signatures of 200 registered voters, as required by law.

The Board considered bids received by DPW for Trailer Mounted, Vacuum Valve Box Cleaner for the Water Division. Richard C. Nota, Director, recommends award to second low bidder, The Wachs Company, Wheeling, IL, for the price of \$11,450. The low bidder was non-responsive and since the bid opening date, has withdrawn its bid. Voted to accept the bid of The Wachs Company.

September 9, 1997

The Board received letter from Gerald Kraft committing to submission by abutters of Falmouth Road of gifts amounting to fifty percent of the costs to repair and upgrade Falmouth Road (the total not to exceed \$8,000) after it is accepted as a public way. Voted to approve recording of the Order of Taking to make Falmouth Road a public way.

Voted to appoint Charles Mayo, Police Chief, and Richard Nota, Director of Operations, DPW, to Local Emergency Planning Committee to replace two retirees.

September 16, 1997

The Board received from Registrars of Voters certification of more than 200 signatures on petition for call of a special town meeting to consider a change of district from Single Family Residence District A to a Multiple Dwelling District B applicable to land off South Avenue at Glenfield East. Voted to schedule a special town meeting for Monday, October 20, 1997.

The Board received from the M.W.R.A. letter in response to Selectmen's letter of August 5, 1997, relative to Norumbega covered storage project. Voted to forward an approved amendment to the bill filed with the legislature, the amendment to be forwarded to the Town's legislators by Town Counsel.

The Board considered the status of Gun Club Lane for continued snow and ice removal as a private way open to the public. Voted to refer the question to Richard Nota, Director, Department of Public Works, with the understanding that no change in status should be made without the approval of the Board.

September 23, 1997

The Board met with the Treasurer and Collector and Town Clerk to consider borrowing in anticipation of revenue and renewal of bond anticipation notes.

Voted: That all action taken by the Town Treasurer in advertising for public sale of the \$8,010,000 Bond Anticipation Note (Municipal Purpose Loan of 1997) (the "Note") of the Town, issued in anticipation of bonds authorized pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7, 8 and 16 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended and supplemented, and by votes of the Town duly adopted and, described herein, and by a vote of the Emergency Finance Board, be and hereby is ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted;

That the Note shall be dated as of October 1, 1997, shall mature on September 30, 1998, shall be numbered consecutively and subject to the provisions of this vote, shall be in such form, of such denomination and contain such other details as the Town Treasurer and a majority of the Board of Selectmen shall determine or approve by their execution of the Note;

That the Note shall originally be issued by means of a book-entry system evidencing ownership and transfer of the Note; and in the event of failure or termination of the book-entry system, BankBoston, N.A., in Burlington, Massachusetts, shall issue replacement notes in the form of fully registered certificates;

That BankBoston, N.A., in Burlington, Massachusetts shall certify the Note as to its genuineness;

That said BankBoston, N.A., shall act as Transfer Agent and Paying Agent therefor;

That the note shall bear interest and is hereby sold and awarded as follows:

<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Denominations</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Premium</u>
State Street Bank and Trust Company	\$8,010,000	4.00%	\$12,221.72

That the Board of Selectmen and the Town Treasurer be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a Material Events Disclosure Certificate generally as described in the official statement relating to the Note and to incorporate by reference thereto in the Note such Certificate both in such form as the signatures may approve by their execution thereof, and the obligation of the Town contained in such certificate is hereby approved and confirmed.

That the Board of Selectmen, the Treasurer and the Town Clerk be and hereby are, and each of them severally is, authorized to take such action, and to execute and deliver such certificates, receipts, or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing vote.

That the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized to prepare and deliver the Note to the aforesaid purchaser or order against payment in full of the agreed purchase price.

The Board signed non-arbitrage certificate, a signature, award and no litigation certificate as well as the Note. The Treasurer advised the Board that this Bond Anticipation Note is a renewal of amounts issued for the following purposes in the amounts stated: Weston High School Renovation, \$6,000,000; Acquisition of Land, \$1,700,000; and Water Mains, \$310,000.

Voted (1) That the provisions of Section 23 to 24A, inclusive, and Sections 26 to 27, of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws shall not apply to the Note of the issue of \$2,500,000 aggregate principal amount of a Revenue Anticipation Note of the Town to be dated as of October 1, 1997 and to mature on December 30, 1997 (the "Note");

(2) That all action taken by the Town Treasurer in advertising for public sale of the \$2,500,000 Revenue Anticipation Note (the "Note"), including preparing and distributing a Preliminary Official Statement and Notice of Sale, be and hereby is ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted;

(3) That the Note shall be dated as of October 1, 1997, shall mature on December 30, 1997, shall be in such form and contain such other details as the Treasurer and a majority of the Selectmen shall determine or approve by their execution of the Note;

(4) That BankBoston, N.A. shall certify the Note as to its genuineness and shall act as Note Registrar, Transfer Agent and Paying Agent for the Note;

(5) That the Note shall bear interest and is hereby sold and awarded as follows:

<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Note Nos.</u>	<u>Denominations</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Premium</u>
State Street Bank and Trust Co.	R-1	\$2,500,000	4.00%	\$1,578.08

(6) That the Treasurer is hereby authorized to prepare and deliver the Note to the aforesaid purchaser or purchasers or order against payment in full of the agreed purchase price.

The Board signed non-arbitrage certificate, a signature, award and no litigation certificate as well as the Note.

Voted to close warrant for special town meeting to be held on Monday, October 20, 1997, on Friday, September 26, 1997 at 5:00 p.m.

The Board considered report from Director, Dept. of Public Works regarding bids received for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day to be held October 25. Voted to award a contract to General Chemical Corporation, Framingham, MA, the low bidder, for the total estimated contract amount of

\$18,030.00. Further voted to authorize the preparation of contract and bond for execution by General Chemical Corporation.

October 1, 1997

Voted to adopt and sign, and signed accordingly, the warrant for special town meeting to be held on Monday, October 20, 1997. Further voted that attested copies of said warrant be posted at the Town Hall, at the Kendal Green railroad station and on the Town bulletin board at the north entrance of Weston High School on Wellesley Street, fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

The Board met with Richard C. Nota, Director of Operations, D.P.W. to review a number of matters. The Board approved Mr. Nota's plan to use funds left over from Ridgeway Road water main installation to cover cost overruns related to the Chestnut Street water main installation. Further voted to approve Mr. Nota's plan to hire a Junior Engineer for a starting salary of approximately \$35,000 and to hire the services of a professional engineer on an as-needed basis.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly in quadruplicate, Change Order (No. 1) to contract with Tornare Construction Corp., for installation of water main in Chestnut Street, as recommended by Director of Operations, D.P.W. the Change Order will result in a reduction of cost estimated at approximately \$2,500.00 by authorizing re-use of certain materials for backfilling of trench areas and provides a method of calculating the quantity of such material needed to replace unsuitable material not readily measured by size of multiple rocks removed.

At the recommendation of the Cable Advisory Committee, voted to sign, and signed accordingly, Cable Television Renewal License to MediaOne for the period of 60 days to permit continuing discussion of terms and conditions of a longer term renewal. The License provides for extension for an additional 30 months to June 6, 2000 unless a longer term license is executed within the 60 days or the licensee fails to comply with provisions in the renewal license.

Voted to approve proposed amendment to Agreement with Green Environmental for preliminary site assessment of locations in the vicinity of 625 and 637 South Avenue to provide for tests of water from wells on the two properties at an estimated cost not to exceed \$1,350.00.

Voted to approve amendment to contract with North Hill Construction Company, Inc. for preparing and painting an additional area of 200 sq. ft. at Josiah Smith Tavern for the sum of \$636.00 and the cost of a payment bond amounting to \$100.00, a cost not included in original quotation for the work.

October 8, 1997

The Board held a public hearing in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 56, as amended, for the purpose of receiving oral or written information from interested persons on matters relating to local property tax policies. The hearing was attended by Donald B. Myers, Phyllis Goodman, and Stewart C. Woodworth III, Board of Assessors, and Sebastian Tine, Principal Assessor. After presentation of financial data concerning alternatives available under the applicable statutes, the Board voted as follows:

Voted (1) that there should not be a distinction among the tax rates assigned to a) residential, b) open space, c) commercial, d) industrial, and e) personal property; (2) that a residential factor of 1.00 should be used; (3) that open space not be classified at a percentage less than 100 of its full and fair cash value; (4) that an exemption not be applied to residential parcels which are the principal residence of the property taxpayer as used by the taxpayer for state income tax purposes; and (5) that an exemption not be established for commercial properties meeting the following requirements: a) occupied as of January 1, 1997 by a business with an average annual employment of no more than ten during the previous calendar year, as certified by the Commissioner of the Department of Employment and Training, and b) having a valuation of less than one million dollars. Further voted to sign, and signed accordingly, certificate to Department of Revenue setting forth the adoption of property classification percentages resulting from the foregoing vote.

The Board received from Director of Operations, D.P.W., report of bids received for furnishing and delivering sand for snow and ice control for the year ending June 30, 1998 and recommendation for award to the low bidder, Kingstown Corporation of Plymouth, MA at \$5.97 per net ton delivered. Voted to award the contract to Kingstown Corporation.

The Board received from Victor G. Pesek, Consulting Engineers, report of first phase investigation of site at 626 Boston Post Road for septic system. Voted to authorize work under Phase II of Agreement with Victor G. Pesek.

The Board received report of bids for police radio repeater equipment to be located at Regis College. Recommendation by Chief Mayo is that the low bid by WoRAD, Inc. be accepted at a price of \$9,461.00. The bid of Edwin L. Thompson & Son is to be rejected inasmuch as no bid deposit was submitted and the price was \$10,284.00. Voted to accept and sign acceptance of the bid of WoRAD, Inc.

The Board voted to appoint Cynthia J. Cohen, Esquire, of the firm Meehan, Boyle & Cohen, P.C., as special counsel to evaluate the Town's insurance coverage for costs of defense of the Town of Weston and public officials in litigation filed by AMA Funding Corp. and Massachusetts Broken Stone Company.

October 14, 1997

Voted to approve proposed designation of Department Heads not eligible for longevity pay (see attached).

Voted to adopt Policy for Establishing Compensation for Nonunion Employees.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly in quadruplicate, Amendment to Agreement with Green Environmental, Inc. for testing of wells at 625 and 637 South Avenue in connection with Assessment of Release, RTN#3-14985, and preparation of Immediate Response Action Plan.

The Board received petition for signs and cross walk in North Avenue near number 272. Voted to approve School Bus Stop signs and investigation of the cross walk by Police Department.

October 21, 1997

Voted to approve use of Community Newspapers Web Site (Town Online) for Town of Weston Home Page.

The Board considered the recommendation of the Personnel Advisory Committee that department heads be included in the sick leave policy for non-union employees. Department heads are currently not covered by any written sick leave policy. Voted to approve revision of the sick leave policy as recommended.

Voted to approve placement of "Deer Crossing" signs in Wellesley Street as a pilot program.

October 28, 1997

Voted to confirm and ratify approval of letter sent to Senator Lois G. Pines and Representative Douglas W. Petersen stating position of Selectmen on Senate Bill 1986, legislation to transfer Town of Weston Conservation land to M.W.R.A.

The Board discussed presentation to be given at hearing before Joint Committee on Natural Resources of Massachusetts General Court, Wednesday, October 29, 1997, on S1986, An Act Transferring Certain Lands for The Improvement of the Metropolitan Water Supply System. Voted to approve testimony to be presented by Mrs. Nichols. Further voted to approve and support an added amendment to S1986, which M.W.R.A. will accept, providing that the land be used solely for the Norumbega Reservoir covered water storage tank, and if no longer used for such purposes shall revert to its prior status as conservation land.

November 4, 1997

Voted to approve recommendation from Chief of Police for painting of two lanes with arrows and placement of sign stating "left lane left turn only" in Boston Post Road at its easterly intersection with Route 20.

The Board considered request for reimbursement of Women's Community League of Weston for work done to the exterior of the Josiah Smith Tavern. Voted to approve reimbursement in the amount of \$999.99 inasmuch as the total exceeded the \$1,000 threshold for bidding, and bids were not solicited.

November 10, 1997

The Board met. with Alfred Aydelott, Kate Detwiler, and Elizabeth Munro, members of the Planning Board, to fill a vacancy in the membership of the Planning Board as the result of the resignation of Barbara Landy. Pamela W. Fox was nominated by Alfred Aydelott and seconded by Kate Detwiler to fill the vacancy. By unanimous roll call vote, the two boards elected Pamela W. Fox to fill the vacancy until the next annual Town election.

As recommended by Richard Nota, Director, D.P.W., voted to award a contract to Cargill Salt, Incorporated for furnishing rock salt for year 1997-1998, pursuant to cooperative bids received by City of Newton, for the price of \$26.63 per ton.

Voted to open warrant for special town meeting to be held on Monday, December 8, 1997, and to close it as of Friday, November 14, 1997, at 5:00 p.m.

November 18, 1997

The Board considered with Town Treasurer and Collector the issue of bond anticipation note authorized by vote of annual town meeting on May 13, 1996 for High School Renovation project, in the amount of \$3,500,000 (total amount authorized for this project is \$14,150,000).

Voted: That all action taken by the Town Treasurer in advertising for public sale of the \$3,500,000 Bond Anticipation Note (School Bonds) (the "Note") of the Town, issued in anticipation of bonds authorized pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7(3) and 7(3A) of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended and supplemented, and by a vote of the Town duly adopted and, described herein, and by a vote of the Emergency Finance Board, be and hereby is ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted;

That the Note shall be dated as of November 26, 1997, shall mature on September 30, 1998, shall be numbered consecutively and subject to the provisions of this vote, shall be in such form, of such denomination and contain such other details as the Town Treasurer and a majority of the Board of Selectmen shall determine or approve by their execution of the Note;

That the Note shall originally be issued by means of a book-entry system evidencing ownership and transfer of the Note; and in the event of failure or

termination of the book-entry system, BankBoston, N.A., in Burlington, Massachusetts, shall issue replacement notes in the form of fully registered certificates;

That BankBoston, N.A., in Burlington, Massachusetts shall certify the Note as to its genuineness;

That said BankBoston, N.A., shall act as Transfer Agent and Paying Agent therefor;

That the note shall bear interest and is hereby sold and awarded as follows:

<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Denominations</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Premium</u>
BankBoston, N.A.	\$3,500,000	4.00%	\$6,497.53

That the Board of Selectmen and the Town Treasurer be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a Material Events Disclosure Certificate generally as described in the official statement relating to the Note and to incorporate by reference thereto in the Note such Certificate both in such form as the signatures may approve by their execution thereof, and the obligation of the Town contained in such certificate is hereby approved and confirmed.

That the Board of Selectmen, the Treasurer and the Town Clerk be and hereby are, and each of them severally is, authorized to take such action, and to execute and deliver such certificates, receipts, or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing vote.

That the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized to prepare and deliver the Note to the aforesaid purchaser or order against payment in full of the agreed purchase price.

The Board signed non-arbitrage and use of proceeds certificate, signature, award, , and no litigation certificate, as well as the Note.

Voted to adopt and sign, and signed accordingly, the warrant for a special town meeting to be held on Monday, December 8, 1997. Further voted that attested copies of said warrant be posted at the Town Hall, at the Kendal Green railroad station, and on the Town bulletin board at the north entrance of Weston High School on Wellesley Street, fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

The Board received from the Chief of Police request with respect to disposal of used firearms of the Town and those received from residents of the Town for disposal and for provision of funds for several purposes. Voted to approve the Chief's plan to sell the used firearms in a package to the highest bidder. The Board generally felt that the funding requests should be made in the annual budget request process.

The Board considered recommendation of Chief of Police for traffic control at Oak Street and South Avenue intersection. Voted to approve the placement

of two signs: a stop sign facing northbound traffic for traffic turning left from Oak Street onto South Avenue going westbound, and a yield sign on Oak Street, approximately 150 feet from South Avenue facing northbound traffic for traffic turning right from Oak Street onto South Avenue going eastbound.

At the request of the Treasurer and Collector, voted to approve charges of expenses for issue of notes for several purposes as follow:

Fire Pumper	56.95
Computer Hardware	936.81
Computer Software	196.54
Sweeper	3.73
Burial Grounds Expansion	447.76
Water Blanket Extensions	634.33
Water Mains	896.28
	\$3,172.40

Voted to grant permission to the City of Cambridge, Water Department, to install a stream gage monitoring station on land of the Town adjacent to Stony Brook, provided that there is nothing in the Town’s permits related to the land-fill which would prohibit such a station.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, Donation Agreement between Weston Forest and Trail Association, Inc. and Town of Weston acting by its Conservation Commission for conveyance of a parcel of land of 13.456 acres, more or less, situated off Wellesley Street to the Town of Weston.

Voted to sign, and signed accordingly in quadruplicate, Agreement with Weston Firefighters’ Association, Inc. for the period July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1999.

November 19, 1997

The Board held a hearing with Paul L. Brackett, Tree Warden, on the proposed cutting and removal of the following dead and/or hazardous public shade trees:

<u>Size and Type of Tree</u>	<u>Location</u>
14” Norway Maple	at Utility Pole #78 Boston Post Road
10” Birch	39 Byron Road
20” Sugar Maple	4 Cherry Brook Road
5” Hemlock	Hill Top Road - Pole #11
10” Hemlock	Hill Top Road - Pole #11
9” Grey Birch	Opposite 75 Pigeon Hill Road
16” White Oak	Wellesley St. opposite Pole #130
12” Elm	Wellesley St. poles #113-114
9” Elm	Wellesley St. poles #113-114
9” Elm	Wellesley St. poles #113-114

<u>Size and Type of Tree</u>		<u>Location</u>
4"	Elm	Wellesley St. poles #113-114
36"	Sugar Maple	Wellesley St. poles #92-93
12"	Elm	Willard Rd. poles #6-7
14"	Elm	Willard Rd. poles #6-7
36"	Sugar Maple	339 Winter Street

Dead trees unidentified as to variety:

Wellesley Street opposite south	
1 at 24"	entrance to High School
5 at 6"	At same location
2 at 12"	At same location

There were no appearances, but comments were received in writing from Edward Paul Petcavage, 8 Viles Street. Voted to approve the removal of the trees as listed.

November 25, 1997

Voted to approve and authorize Town Administrator and Chairman of the Board to sign letter Agreement for Audit of municipal accounts for the year ending June 30, 1997, with McKenna & Company for the sum of \$10,500. The Agreement was accordingly signed in duplicate.

Voted to adopt and sign, and signed accordingly, Amendment to Traffic Rules and Orders of the Town of Weston to add Stop sign in Oak Street at South Avenue to locations in Schedule 3 thereof. Further voted to authorize Chairman to sign warrant for said sign.

Voted to authorize Chairman to sign in triplicate Right of Way Certificate for work at South Street/River Road bridge over Stony Brook. The Certificate was accordingly signed by the Chairman.

December 2, 1997

Voted to approve second renewal license for MediaOne for term of 30 days from December 7, 1997 to January 6, 1998, to permit review of renewal license by Town Counsel and Cable Advisory Committee.

Voted to approve placement of two "Children" warning signs in Loring Road as recommended by Chief of Police.

December 10, 1997

The Board considered and adopted the following votes in connection with plan of Treasurer to establish a custody account at State Street Bank and Trust Company for certain trust fund assets and accounting therefor.

Voted, that the Town Treasurer establish a custody account at State Street Bank and Trust Company; and further

Voted, that Mark S. Good, Treasurer and Collector of the Town of Weston, be, and hereby is, authorized, and directed, in the name and on behalf of the Town to execute the Custodianship Agreement establishing said custody account, substantially in the form presented to the Board of Selectmen, together with such modifications thereof as the Treasurer shall approve, the execution and delivery of the Custodianship Agreement by the Treasurer to be deemed conclusive evidence of the approval by the Town of the terms, provisions and conditions thereof; and further

Voted, that the aforementioned officer be, and hereby is, authorized, on behalf of the Town, to authorize employees of the Town to request distributions be made from the custody account whether by wire or otherwise, and to execute other documents relating to said custody account.

December 16, 1997

The Board considered action required to implement the transfer of property to and from Massachusetts Water Resources Authority pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1997. Upon recommendation of Town Counsel, in order to make possible the transfer of such property and payment by the Authority of \$3,000,000 to the Town of Weston, the Board voted to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Approval of Acceptance of Deed to Town of Weston from Weston Forest and Trail Association, Inc. by the Conservation Commission and to approve and sign Approval of Acceptance of Conveyance to the Town of Weston of two parcels of land by Massachusetts Water Resources Authority by the Conservation Commission. These documents are to be delivered to Town Counsel in connection with recording of the transactions scheduled for December 19, 1997, provided the plan of land to be conveyed by M.W.R.A. is received and endorsed by the Planning Board.

The Board also received at the beginning of the meeting a request from Town Counsel for execution of two documents related to the acquisition of two parcels of land for which tax titles had been held and for which the outstanding taxes were recently abated by the Board of Assessors. Voted to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Approval of Acceptance of Deed from Andrew Schwartz, Executor of the Estate of Roland W. Jutras, by the Conservation Commission and to sign Approval of Acceptance of Deed from Eino Keerd, Trustee of Winterwood Trust by the Conservation Commission, both parcels to be held for conservation purposes.

The Board received from Kopelman and Paige, P.C., Town Counsel, letter opinion concerning the Selectmen's responsibility for approval of expenditures from Wetland Protection Fund, pursuant to Chapter 43 of Acts of 1997. Voted to grant permission to the Conservation Commission to expend such funds

through the end of fiscal year 1998, or until such time as permission is renewed or revoked.

Voted to terminate Agreement with Advanced Benefits Solutions, Inc. for Group Insurance Consulting Services, pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 5 of the Agreement.

The Board conducted interviews with engineers for consideration to provide designer services for study of sewage treatment and disposal facility needs and feasibility.

SEA Consultants, Inc.

Woodard and Curran

Voted unanimously to select the firm of SEA Consultants, Inc., Cambridge, MA, to perform design services for study of sewage treatment and disposal facility needs and feasibility. The reasons for selection verbally stated will be set forth in a written statement to be adopted at a subsequent meeting and incorporated herein by reference to said later meeting.

December 30, 1997

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, statement of reasons for selection of SEA Consultants, Inc. to provide designer services for study of sewage treatment and disposal facility needs and feasibility.

The Board received letter from Robin Reisman, Chair of the Land Bank Committee, requesting that Town Counsel provide an analysis of the Community Preservation Act for the Committee. Voted to authorize the use of Town Counsel for this purpose.

Voted to approve and sign, and signed accordingly, renewal license for MediaOne, as recommended by the Cable Advisory Committee.

Voted to approve request from Winter Gardens Limited Partnership that the Department of Public Works be authorized to remove snow and ice from Dickson Lane and Upham Way subject to receipt of signed petition pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 6C.

TOWN RECORDS 1997

(condensed)

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

April 7, 1997

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, duly served, Robert M. Buchanan, the Moderator, called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the Weston High School Gymnasium. The Moderator declared a quorum present and proceeded with the reading of the Warrant and Return of Service.

The Moderator appointed the following tellers and swore them to their duties:

Polly Dickson
Valerie Kirshy

John Fiske
Elizabeth Cacciatore

ARTICLE 1: To transfer and/or appropriate additional money from available funds (including "Free Cash") and from the account Insurance-Workers Compensation to the account Law, such appropriation to be for the current fiscal year.

Elizabeth Nichols **moved:** that the sum of \$55,000.00 be transferred from the account Insurance- Workers Compensation to the account Law.

David Lindsay asked for an estimate of future legal fees and expenses. Mrs. Nichols responded that there is no way to predict, especially since legal expenses are growing because of pressures from outside of the Town, but that \$45,000 has been budgeted for Fiscal Year 1997 with a proposed figure of \$60,000 for Fiscal 1998.

Mrs. Nichols' motion **passed** unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: To raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to the use of the Board of Selectmen, for the purchase of a parcel of and of approximately 22 acres located at Church Street and shown as Parcel 18-28-20 on the Assessors' records, currently owned by Edward W. Coburn, and subject to restriction pursuant to G.L. c.61B, as described in a "Notice of Intent to Sell and Convert to Other Use Land Subject to Provision of M.G.L. c.61B, Section 9," dated December 16, 1996, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

Elizabeth D. Nichols **moved:** that this article be passed over and so disposed of. She explained that the article was no longer needed as an agreement had been reached between all the parties involved.

Mrs. Nichols' motion **passed**.

A motion to **dissolve** the Special Town Meeting was accepted by the Moderator at 7:55 p.m.

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
May 10, 1997

Pursuant to a warrant duly served the Annual Town Election was called to order in the Field School Gymnasium by Warden Barbara Fonda, at 8:00 a.m. on May 10, 1997, for the election of Town Officers.

Mrs. Fonda swore the election officers to the faithful performance of their duties.

The total ballots cast were:

Precincts 1 and 2	1,002
Precincts 3 and 4	681
Total	1,683

The results of the election were as follows:

<u>Moderator (for one year)</u>	
Robert M. Buchanan, 111 Summer Street, Caucus Nominee.....	1276
Scattering	1
Blanks	406

<u>Selectman (for three years)</u>	
Ripley E. Hastings, 57 Concord Road, Caucus Nominee	1252
Blanks	431

<u>Assessor (for three years)</u>	
Phyllis S. Goodman, 102 Byron Road, Caucus Nominee	1163
Blanks	520

<u>School Committee (for three years) (Vote for 2)</u>	
Robert Anthony Nolan, 693 Boston Post Road, Caucus Nominee	1181
Darcy K. Lettieri, 9 Valley View Road, Caucus Nominee	1119
Blanks	1066

<u>Library Trustees (for three years) (Vote for two)</u>	
Charles (Tod) Foote, 324 Merriam Street, Caucus Nominee	1203
William D. Hartmann, 90 Montvale Road, Caucus Nominee	1135
Blanks	1028

<u>Library Trustee (for two years) (to fill a vacancy)</u>	
Robert J. Kulow, 32 Willard Road, Caucus Nominee	1234
Blanks	449

Board of Health (for three years)

Joan B. Vernon, 80 Fairview Road, Caucus Nominee.....	1232
Blanks	51

Commissioner of Trust Funds (for three years)

James R. Nichols, 23 Wellesley Street, Caucus Nominee	1196
Blanks	487

Measurers of Lumber (for one year) (Vote for three)

Glenn Brewster, 54 Ox Bow Road, Caucus Nominee	1056
F. Douglas Garron, 803 South Avenue, Caucus Nominee	1077
Adam D. Hyde, 487 Wellesley Street, Caucus Nominee	1089
Blanks	1827

Planning Board (for five years)

Barbara Landy, 15 Highland Street, Caucus Nominee	1159
Blanks	524

Planning Board (for two years) (to fill a vacancy)

Alfred L. Aydelott, 251 Boston Post Road, Caucus Nominee	1198
Blanks	485

Recreation Commission (for three years) (Vote for two)

Gregory Czarnowski, 87 Brook Road, Caucus Nominee	1165
Cheryl Walsh Kelly, 32 Colchester Road, Caucus Nominee	1150
Scattering	1
Blanks	1050

Question No. 1:

Shall the Town of Weston be allowed to assess an additional \$450,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of defraying Town operating expenses for the fiscal year beginning July first, nineteen hundred and ninety-seven?

Yes: 735 No: 923 Blanks: 25

SUMMARY

General Laws, Chapter 59, provides that the Town may by majority vote, assess taxes in excess of an amount equal to one hundred and two and one-half percent of the maximum levy limit for the preceding fiscal year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue under certain specified conditions.

Question 1 will permit the Town to assess taxes in the additional amount of \$450,000.00 which sum is in excess of an amount equal to one hundred and two and one-half per cent of the maximum levy limit for the preceding fiscal year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue under certain specified conditions. Such sum will be used to defray Town operating expenses for the fiscal

year beginning July 1, 1997. The proposal shall be deemed approved if a majority of the persons voting thereon shall vote "Yes."

Question No. 2:

Shall the Town of Weston be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing an addition or additions to Weston Middle School and for remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to the present Weston Middle School?

Yes: 909 No: 755 Blanks: 19

SUMMARY

General Laws, Chapter 59, provides for exemption from the two and one-half percent tax levy limit of the amounts required to pay for certain bond issues.

Question 2 would so exempt the bonds to be issued for the stated purpose, \$742,000.00 having been authorized by special town meeting held December 9, 1996. If a majority so votes, the 1997 Annual Town Meeting to be held on May twelfth will be asked to consider an additional appropriation to be financed by bond issue. The total bonded amount requested to be exempted is \$10,800,000 for the cost of additions and renovations to the Weston Middle School and all incidental costs related thereto. At the Annual Town Meeting an affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present and voting will be required to authorize such a bond issue.

Question No. 3:

Shall the Town of Weston be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to provide the funds with which to lay and relay water mains not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter?

Yes: 1007 No: 601 Blanks: 75

SUMMARY

General Laws, Chapter 59, provides for exemption from the two and one-half per cent tax levy limit of the amounts required to pay for certain future bond issues.

Question 3 would so exempt the bonds to be issued for the stated purpose. If a majority so votes, the 1997 Annual Town Meeting to be held on May twelfth will be asked to consider the appropriation to be financed by the bond issue. The bonded amount requested to be appropriated and exempted is \$125,000.00 to lay and relay water mains of not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter. At the Annual Town meeting an affirmative vote of

two-thirds of those present and voting will be required to authorize such a bond issue.

The following resolutions were received by the Town Clerk for inclusion in the Town Records:

RESOLVED: We, the citizens of Weston, express our appreciation to Robert L. Birnbaum, Esquire, for his dedicated service to the Finance Committee over the past six years. Bob's work on various sub-committees, including the Fire, Water, Solid Waste, and most recently and notable the Schools sub-committees, was time consuming, and yet performed with the highest degree of integrity.

As a member of the committee, Bob was always concerned with the value that each resident received for their dollars spent. He looked for more and better services for less cost. Bob strived to completely understand an important issue or another person's viewpoint. He always approached his deliberations with a good measure of common sense, fairness, and a refreshing sense of humor. He sensed and judged his way through the budget process by asking thought-provoking questions and processing all data before he drew the most reasonable conclusion. He compromised only when it was in the town's best interest.

As an individual, Bob brought a wonderful sense of candor to the committee which made him a pleasure to work with. Bob had an authenticity about him that was refreshing and charming. His integrity was unquestionable and he always interacted with respect and sensitivity toward his fellow committee members.

The Town of Weston owes Bob much gratitude for his high quality of service during the last six years. It also owes thanks to Bob's family for their willingness to share his valuable time with the town. Bob will be sorely missed next year by the remaining Finance Committee members. His hard work, delightful sense of humor, and camaraderie will be hard to replace.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the records of the Town and that a copy be sent to Bob and his family.

RESOLVED: We, the citizens of Weston, express our gratitude to L. Wallace Clausen for his three and one-half years of service on the Board of Library Trustees. During these years Wally helped organize the search for a new Library Director and guided the Trustees through candidate evaluations. He was instrumental in streamlining the Library's budget process and making the interaction between the Trustees and the Finance Committee simpler for both groups.

For Wally, the move to the new building provided the opportunity to encourage Library-Community interaction. He was instrumental in getting community programs started, including the League of Women Voters monthly coffee hours and the Weston Military History Group's speaker series. His interest in the community led to Wally's interest in the Library's policies. He sought always to make the Library respond to the needs of the patrons, to develop Library policies that would be best for Library users. While the Director, Staff and Trustees were all aware of the efforts Wally made on behalf of the patrons, it is the patrons, usually unaware of his tireless efforts, who truly benefited from his dedication to the community.

Wally, we know that your interest in the Library continues, and we hope that you will continue to share your wisdom.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the records of the Town and that a copy be sent to Mr. Clausen.

RESOLVED: We, the citizens of Weston, express our appreciation to Louis A. Rodriques for his nine years of service on the Board of Library Trustees. During these years he has served two years as Chairman, and has for his entire tenure been a source of legal guidance to the Board and the Director. Lou was instrumental in guiding the Trustees through the search for a new library Director and did much to simplify procedures for use of Library Trust Funds. He also oversaw labor negotiations and was a member of the budget committee for several years.

The years since Lou first joined the Trustees have been ones of great chance for Weston's Library. The move to the new building and the expansion of the use of technology by staff and patrons have presented challenges. Lou was a constant source of thoughtful advice to the Trustees who faced many complicated decisions during this important time in the Library's history.

Lou, we thank you for your interest, your wisdom, your dedication, and, perhaps most important of all, your wonderful sense of humor which kept all issues in proper perspective. While we, the Trustees, have enjoyed your company and appreciated your commitment, the entire community has benefited from your wise and skillful leadership.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the records of the Town and that a copy be sent to Mr. Rodriques.

RESOLVED: We, the citizens of Weston, express our appreciation to Richard Rotnem for his three years of service on the Board of Library Trustees. He played a critical role in the move to a new facility and the budget transition

from an old predictable operation to a new, larger, unknown physical plan and increased patron usage.

The first two years in the new building were full of unknowns. There were months of budget uncertainties while we made our way through the first heating and air-conditioning seasons, while we watched library usage and circulation grow, and while we tried to respond to patron requests for more hours, more programs, and more materials. Dick was always ready to provide numbers, to explain available options, and to advise on the best courses to follow. He presented our budget at the Finance Committee and worked with them to develop a budget that was best for the taxpayers as well as the Library.

At the same time, Dick simplified the Library's trust fund records and corresponded with attorneys and benefactors to make trust funds available without delays or complications.

Dick, the Trustees will greatly miss your wisdom, your kindness and your good advice. Weston will miss your commitment to all that is best for the community.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the records of the Town and that a copy be sent to Mr. Rotnem.

RESOLVED: We, the citizens of Weston, take notice that Roger D. Scoville resigned in June, 1996 from the Board of Appeals after serving over 14 years.

We salute him for bringing to the Board his rare, exceptional qualities, his most unselfish nature, his candor, strength and intelligence. His contribution will always be honored, especially by those who knew him best.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the records of the Town and a copy sent to Mr. Scoville.

RESOLVED: We, the citizens of Weston, express our appreciation to Donald Myers for his dedicated service to the Planning Board for the past 14 years. Don served as Chairman of the Board for many of those years during a period of enormous development pressure on the Town. As Chairman, Don steered the Board through important changes in our Zoning Bylaw and also through heated and protracted negotiations with the owners of the Massachusetts Broken Stone Company regarding development of this key parcel in Town.

During his long tenure, Don participated in several significant amendments to the Town's Zoning Bylaws including the addition of Site Plan Approval, Flexible Development and residential floor area to lot size ratios.

Don's expertise as an engineer was a valuable asset to the Board. He held applicants to exacting standards and his understanding of the technical issues led to resolution of many difficult engineering problems.

The Town will continue to benefit from Don's insights and level approach as a member of the Board of Assessors. The Planning Board will miss him, and is very grateful for his many years of commitment to the Board.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the records of the Town and that a copy be sent to Mr. Myers.

RESOLVED: That we, the citizens of Weston, assembled in Annual Town Meeting, express our gratitude and appreciation to Ann Galperin Leibowitz for her extraordinary service to our Town. For the past 14 years - seven as a member and chair of the Finance Committee, six as a member and chair of the Board of Selectman, and yet another year as chair of the Finance Committee - Ann has effectively led Weston in several important directions.

Her interests in organizational structure and personnel matters have brought about the consolidation of disparate Town departments into a Department of Public Works, the establishment of a Personnel Advisory Committee, and the special recognition of long service to the Town with the coveted "20-year Pin." The committees on Open Space Planning and ADA Compliance were established during her tenure, as were the Town's plans for Fair Housing and Affirmative Action.

Annual town-wide planning and budget forums - which Ann initiated - facilitate communication and coordination among the many volunteer boards and commissions, and exemplify Ann's ability to institutionalize effective, volunteer collaboration. Her "tax-dollar" approach to town spending is now a feature of the annual budget hearing. And an eclectic array of special committees testify to her skill in recruiting the unique talents of other residents in the service of the Town, thereby promoting a greater participation and sense of community.

Ann's leadership has been distinctive for her unique blend of intellectual rigor, collegiality, efficiency and candor, and she has always maintained a thoughtful balance in her dedication to the traditional twin objectives of quality and frugality in the administration of Weston's municipal government.

Ann often expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve as it helped her to feel that Weston was, indeed, her town. By your remarkably effective leadership, Ann, we really are your town in a host of new and better ways, and we thank you.

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution be spread upon the records of the Town and that a copy be sent to Mrs. Leibowitz.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 12, 1997

Pursuant to a warrant, duly served, Robert M. Buchanan, the Moderator, called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:38 P.M. on May 12, 1997 in the Eleanor Welch Casey Theater at Regis College. The Moderator declared a quorum present and proceeded with the reading of the Warrant and Return of Service.

The Moderator appointed the following tellers and swore them to their duties:

Ronald B. Corley
Janice Corley
Elliot Feldman
Julie Hyde

Peter Hyde
Willam Rousseau
Kathleen Rousseau
Albert Kalman

The Moderator welcomed visitors and outlined procedures to be followed; warned about brevity; and requested citizens to give their names and addresses before speaking.

ARTICLE 1: M. Elizabeth Nolan, Town Clerk, read the results of the Annual Town Election.

ARTICLE 2: Elizabeth D. Nichols **moved:** that consideration of Articles 2, 3, 4 and 21 be postponed until Monday, May 19, 1997.

Mrs. Nichols explained that the Selectmen and the School committee need time to reduce the budget because of the defeat of Question 1 at the Town Election. She outlined some general guidelines being used in reducing the Town's operating budget, i.e. that the school department will absorb 60% of the reduction or \$270,000, and other Town Departments will absorb 40% of the reduction or \$180,000. She further stated that there will be no reduction in salaries.

Mrs. Nichols' motion **passed** by a 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 5: To appropriate money to the use of the School Committee for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing an addition or additions to Weston Middle School and for remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to the present Weston Middle School, and all incidental costs related thereto, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, or Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended, or any other enabling authority and to authorize the issuing of bonds and notes.

Darcy Lettieri **moved:** that the sum of \$10,058,000.00 be appropriated to the use of the School Committee for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing an addition or additions to Weston Middle School and for remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to the present Weston Middle School, and all incidental costs related thereto, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended, or of Chapter 44, Section 7 (3) (3A) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, to which end the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds or notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities, and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

Thomas Eastman explained the scope of the project and outlined the reasons why it is needed.

Speaking in favor of the project were Elizabeth Nichols on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Vincent Costantini for the Finance Committee, Denise Collinson, Jack Heine, (with respect to the technology component of the project), Barbara Hill, John Wilson, and Neil Leavitt.

Speakers opposing the project were: David Lindsay, Maggie Tomlinson, Howland Cotter, Edward Sennott and Florence Howe.

A motion from the floor calling the question was approved.

Mrs. Lettieri's motion **passed** by the following vote: Yes: 722 No: 103

Mr. Sennott asked for permission to change his vote (disallowed by the Moderator) and asked to reserve the right for reconsideration of this vote (not allowed under the Town bylaws).

ARTICLE 6: To appropriate additional money from available funds to the use of the Elderly Housing Committee for repairs and replacements to, and maintenance of, the Brook School Apartments.

Voted: that the sum of \$94,600.00 be appropriated from available funds (free cash) to the use of the Elderly Housing Committee for repairs and replacements to, and maintenance of, the Brook School Apartments.

ARTICLE 7: To appropriate to the use of the Conservation Commission sums received under General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40.

Voted: that the sum of \$2,390.50 being the amount received under General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40 (Wetlands Protection Act) be appropriated to the use of the Conservation Commission.

ARTICLE 8: To appropriate for the support of the Public Library the dog license refund received in the 1996 fiscal year.

Voted: that Article 8 be passed over and so disposed of.

ARTICLE 9: To appropriate money as available funds from 1996 Transportation Bond Issue for construction and reconstruction of Town roads, for purchase of equipment used for constructing and maintaining such roads and for such other purposes as may be permitted by applicable statutes, the amount of reimbursement determined by the Massachusetts Highway Department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to Chapter 113 of the Acts of 1996.

Voted unanimously: that the sum of \$357,689.00, be appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997 for construction and reconstruction of Town roads and for purchase of equipment used for constructing and maintaining such roads and for related work eligible under Memorandum of Agreement with Massachusetts Highway Department, the amount so appropriated being subject to certification by the Massachusetts Commissioner of Revenue (Director of Accounts) as an available funds source pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 113 of the Acts of 1996.

ARTICLE 10: To appropriate money with which to lay and relay water mains of not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter to be provided by borrowing and/or taxation and/or transfer of funds or from other sources including available funds (free cash) and to authorize the issuing of bonds and notes.

Voted unanimously: that the sum of \$125,000.00 be appropriated to the "Lay and Relay Water Mains" account of the Department of Public Works-Water Division for the use of the Board of Selectmen for laying or relaying water mains not less than six (6) inches but less than sixteen (16) inches in diameter and all incidental costs related thereto, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 8 (5), or any other enabling authority, to which end the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds or notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities, and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

ARTICLE 11: To appropriate money to be provided by borrowing and/or transfer of funds and/or from other sources including available funds, for laying or relaying water mains, and to authorize the issuing of bonds and notes.

Voted: that Article 11 be passed over and so disposed of.

ARTICLE 12: To appropriate income received by the Commissioners of Trust Funds to March 31, 1997, from the Well Settlement trust fund to the account, "Accrued Income, Litigation Settlement."

Voted: that the income in the amount of \$58,064.36 received by the Commissioners of Trust Funds to March 31, 1997, from the Well Settlement trust fund be appropriated to the account, "Accrued Income, Litigation Settlement."

ARTICLE 13: To transfer and/or appropriate money from the account "Accrued Income, Litigation Settlement" to the Appropriation "Public Works Water - Expenses" for current operating expenses.

Voted: that the sum of \$60,000.00 be transferred from the account "Accrued Income, Litigation Settlement," and appropriated to the use of the Department of Public Works, "Water -Expenses" account for current operating expenses.

ARTICLE 14: To authorize the Board of Assessors to enter into an inter-municipal agreement for the provision of consulting and support services for the Town's computerized assessment system. The annual obligation of the Town under this agreement shall be paid from the appropriation Assessors-Expenses.

Voted: that the Board of Assessors be authorized to enter into an inter-municipal agreement for the provision of consulting and support services for the Town's computerized assessment system, the annual obligation of the Town under this agreement to be paid from the appropriation Assessors - Expenses.

ARTICLE 15: To appropriate money to the use of the Selectmen to acquire by purchase (including engineering and legal fees) the parcel of land containing approximately 4.7 acres, located on Church Street, numbered 153 and designated as parcel 18-30 on the Assessors maps of the Town, for conservation and other purposes, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7 (3), or any other enabling authority and to authorize the issuing of bonds and notes.

George Bates **moved:** that the sum of \$1,700,000.00 be appropriated to the use of the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase (including engineering and legal fees) the parcel of land containing approximately 4.7 acres, located on Church Street, numbered 153 and designated as parcel 18-30 on the Assessors maps of the Town, for conservation and other purposes, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of Chapter 44, Section 7 (3) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, to which end the Town Treasurer , with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to prepare,

issue and sell bonds or notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities, and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

In response to questions it was pointed out that the barn on Church Street would not be part of what is acquired in this transaction, and that no additional parking at Kendal Green station would result.

Ann Leibowitz expressed the Selectmen's support for this acquisition; Ripley Hastings affirmed that the Finance Committee supports it, but does not consider it a "must do," and Tom Selldorff expressed the Forest and Trail Association's support of protecting viewscapes.

A motion from the floor calling the question passed.

Mr. Bates' motion **passed** unanimously.

ARTICLE 16: To authorize the Board of Health to terminate two inter-municipal agreements between Town of Weston and Town of Wellesley for the services of a Director of Public Health and for the services of a sanitarian and a secretary, each agreement having been authorized by vote of the Weston Town Meeting and made under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 4A.

Voted: that the Board of Health be authorized to terminate two inter-municipal agreements between the Town of Weston and the Town of Wellesley, one for the services of a Director of Public Health executed May 22, 1956 and subsequently amended, and the second for the services of a sanitarian and secretary executed July 1, 1974, each agreement having been authorized by a vote of the Weston Town Meeting and made under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 4A.

ARTICLE 17: To appropriate money to the use of the Recreation Commission for the cost of architectural services for plans and specifications for a building for use by the Commission and the Council on Aging, and all incidental costs related thereto, the money to be raised by borrowing under the authority of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority and to authorize the issuing of bonds and notes, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: that Article 17 be passed over and so disposed of.

ARTICLE 18: To transfer the care, custody and control of the property described below to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of granting an easement and to authorize said board to grant an easement to New England

Telephone and Telegraph Company, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be appropriate, for the purpose of installing and maintaining equipment for the transmission of intelligence by electricity in, along, upon and under a portion of the land owned by the Town, shown on a plan entitled "Easement Plan of Land in Weston, MA (Middlesex County)," prepared for NYNEX, prepared by The BSC Group, Inc., Land Surveyors, Civil Engineers, dated January 8, 1997, Scale 1" = 10', which Plan is on file with the Town Clerk, and to further vote that the consideration for the granting of this easement shall be no less than \$10,000.00, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted unanimously: that the care, custody, and control of the property described below be transferred to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of granting an easement and that said board be authorized to grant an easement to New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be appropriate, for the purpose of installing and maintaining equipment for the transmission of intelligence by electricity in, along, upon and under a portion of the land owned by the Town, shown on a plan entitled "Easement Plan of Land in Weston, MA (Middlesex County)," prepared for NYNEX, prepared by The BSC Group, Inc., Land Surveyors, Civil Engineers, dated January 8, 1997, Scale 1" = 10', which plan is on file with the Town Clerk, provided that the compensation for the granting of this easement shall be no less than \$10,000.00.

A motion to **adjourn** the annual Town Meeting until Monday, May 19, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. was made seconded and adopted at 11:01 p.m.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 14, 1997

Pursuant to a warrant, duly served, Robert M. Buchanan, the Moderator, called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. On May 14, 1997, in the Eleanor Welch Casey Theater at Regis College. The Moderator declared a quorum present and proceeded with the reading of the Warrant and Return of Service.

The Moderator appointed the following tellers and swore them to their duties:

Janice Corey
 Ronald Corey
 Robert Danforth
 Eliot Feldman
 Beatrice Forman
 Julie Hyde
 David B. Nanian

Peter Hyde
 Albert Kalman
 Jane Lonergan
 Paul Penfield, Jr.
 William Rousseau
 Kathleen Rousseau

The Moderator welcomed visitors and outlined procedures to be followed; warned about brevity; and requested citizens to give their names and addresses before speaking.

ARTICLE 1: To transfer and/or appropriate from available funds ("Free Cash") and from the following accounts Insurance-Workers Compensation and Contributory Retirement-Middlesex, such appropriations to be for the current fiscal year, for the following purposes:

Police Department	-	Salaries
Public Works	-	Salaries - All Others
	-	Highways and Bridges - Expenses
	-	Snow and Ice Control - Expenses
	-	Parks and Cemeteries - Expenses
Tree Warden	-	Expenses

Voted: that the following amounts of additional money be appropriated for the current fiscal year from available funds (Free Cash) for the following purposes:

Public Works- Salaries- All Others	\$ 55,000.00
Public Works- Highways and Bridges- Expenses	10,000.00
Public Works- Snow and Ice Control- Expenses	50,000.00
Public Works- Parks and Cemeteries- Expenses	1,500.00
Tree Warden- Expenses	<u>11,300.00</u>
Total	\$ 127,800.00

and that the sums of \$58,400.00 and \$25,300.00, respectively, be transferred from the accounts Insurance-Workers Compensation and Contributory Retirement-Middlesex to the account Tree Warden-Expenses.

ARTICLE 2: To

- 1) authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift or otherwise from the Weston Forest and Trail Association, Inc., a parcel of land off Wellesley Street, Assessors' Parcel 50-7, consisting of 13.456 acres of land more or less, as more fully described in a deed recorded in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 8967, Page 280, shown as Figure 4 in the

Memorandum of Agreement between the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) and the Town of Weston dated March 26, 1997 (MOA) on file in the Town Clerk's Office, said land to be held by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveyance to the MWRA;

- 2) transfer the care, custody, control and management of a parcel of conservation land located off of Wellesley Street and adjacent to the Massachusetts Turnpike, Assessors' Parcel no. 56-1-010, consisting of 22.3 acres more or less, shown as Figure 3 in the MOA, from the Conservation Commission held for conservation purposes, to the Board of Selectmen to be held for the purpose of conveyance to the MWRA, provided that in the event that the land exchange described in Paragraphs (3) and (4) of this article does not take place by December 31, 2004, unless extended by a two-thirds vote of Town Meeting, this transfer shall be null and void and the land identified in this paragraph shall revert to conservation purposes under the custody of the Conservation Commission and the land identified in Paragraph 1 shall without further vote of Town Meeting be transferred to the care, custody, and control of the Conservation Commission to be held for conservation purposes;
- 3) authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen determines to be in the best interests of the Town, the parcels of land described in Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this article to the MWRA including any necessary temporary construction easements;
- 4) authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire from the MWRA the parcels of land along Ash Street, from Assessors' Parcels 38-8 and 39-39, shown as Figure 2 in the MOA, consisting of 12 acres more or less, said land to be placed under the care, custody, control, and management of the Conservation Commission to be held for conservation purposes;
- 5) authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a special act authorizing the conveyance of the conservation land described in Paragraph (2) of the article, pursuant to Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution; and
- 6) authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a Special Act establishing the "Town of Weston Conservation Land Acquisition Fund" into which fund shall be deposited the amount of \$3,000,000 received from the MWRA as consideration for the conveyance described in Paragraph (3) of this article, the Special Act to provide that expenditures from the fund shall be restricted to the purchase of conservation land and/or conservation restrictions including costs incidental thereto, and further that the Conservation Commission, with the approval of the Board

of Selectman, shall be authorized to expend from said fund without further appropriation;

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Joseph W. Mullin **moved:** that the Town authorize a land exchange among the Town of Weston, the Weston Forest and Trail Association, Inc., and the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority in connection with the MWRA Norumbega Reservoir Covered Storage Project and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the general court for special legislation in order to complete the land exchange, as set forth and described under Article 2 of the warrant.

Mr. Mullin, assisted by Douglas MacDonald, Executive Director of the MWRA outlined the main issues involved in the exchange of 36 acres of land owned by the Town and by the Weston Forest and Trail Association for compensation of \$3 million and 12 acres of land currently owned by the MWRA. Mr. Mullin related the history of the "Working Group" which endorsed the "Memorandum of Agreement" by a vote of 13 to 3.

Others speaking in favor of the motion were: Imogene Fish, member of the Conservation Commission, who stated that the Conservation Commission unanimously voted to release the 22 acres of conservation land; Edwin Taff, co-chairman of the Weston Working Group; Robert Davis Brown, author of the Memorandum of Agreement, who outlined the various provisions of the agreement and the effect a negative vote would have on it and John Giorgio, of Kopelman & Paige, P.C., Town Counsel who said that a no vote would, in his opinion, cause the Town to lose substantial control of the project and put the mitigation package at risk.

Speaking in opposition to the motion were: Nicholas Danforth, who stated that the land involved had been part of his family's holdings for many years before it was sold to the Town as conservation land and pointed out that the proposed tank would be the largest in the U.S. and that it was too expensive a proposition; Mary Ellen Kennedy, who outlined for Town Meeting members what, in her opinion, would be the time table and the effect of building a water tank that would cover 20 acres of land; Nina Danforth, who described the current eco-system on the land; Elizabeth Munro, who noted that the Planning Board reviewed the motion, but took no position on it, although she personally had serious reservations regarding the proposal. Ingeborg Uhlir, a member of the Working Group who voted against the memorandum; Thomas Doherty, Philip Saunders and Julie Hyde who also urged Town Meeting to vote against the proposal.

Eileen Simondson of WSCAC - a water quality agency which advises the MDC and the MWRA, stated that her agency could not support uncovered storage.

Anne Turid Sato, a resident of Washington, D.C. who has a property interest in some of the abutting land spoke at length against the proposal.

A motion to call the question passed.

Mr. Mullin's motion, which required a 2/3 vote to pass was **defeated** by the following vote: Yes: 342 No: 365

A motion to **adjourn** the Special Town meeting to Monday, May 19, 1997 following the adjournment or dissolution of the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting scheduled to reconvene on that date was made, seconded and adopted at 10:45 p.m.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING May 19, 1997

Pursuant to the warrant, Robert M. Buchanan, the Moderator, called the Adjourned session of the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. on May 19, 1997 in the Eleanor Welch Casey Theater at Regis College. The Moderator declared a quorum present.

The Moderator appointed the following tellers and swore them to their duties:

Janice Corey	Albert Kalman
Ronald Corey	Kathleen Rousseau
Beatrice Forman	William Rousseau

ARTICLE 2: To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the costs of government and other Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, and to fix the salaries and compensation of elected officers of the Town on an annual basis for the said period.

Elizabeth Nichols **moved (1):** that the several sums of money recommended by the Selectmen to be raised and appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997 in accordance with Section 5 of Article II of the By-Laws, as amended, set forth in pages 7 through 19 of the report entitled "Appropriations Recommended for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1998" be raised and appropriated for their respective purposes as set forth on said pages except for the following changes:

Page		<u>Change From:</u>	<u>Change To:</u>
7	Monitoring Groundwater-Landfill	\$ 10,000.00	None
7	Facilities Maintenance	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 210,000.00
8	Assessors-Expenses	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 11,600.00
8	Information Systems	\$ 108,303.00	\$ 106,803.00
9	Planning Board- Expenses	\$ 36,295.00	\$ 31,295.00
9	Town Owned Houses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
10	Total General Government and Unclassified	\$ 5,518,968.00	\$ 5,459,968.00
10	Police Department-Salaries	\$ 1,810,227.00	\$ 1,797,227.00
11	Fire Department-Equipment and Apparatus	\$ 41,525.00	\$ 28,525.00
11	Tree Warden Compensation	NONE	\$ 5,200.00
	Expenses	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 28,800.00
11	Total Protection of Persons and Property	\$ 4,184,980.00	\$ 4,158,980.00
12	Schools-Salaries	\$ 12,889,660.00	None
12	-Instructional, Maintenance and Other Expenses	\$ 2,826,845.00	None
12	-Transportation	\$ 757,140.00	None
12	Support for Public Schools	None	\$ 16,203,645.00
12	Total Schools	\$ 16,473,645.00	\$ 16,203,645.00
13	Public Works-Equipment	\$ 228,850.00	\$ 173,850.00
14	Public Works-Drainage	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
15	Total Public Works	\$ 3,472,432.00	\$ 3,392,432.00
16	Mosquito Control-E.Middlesex Project	\$ 23,093.00	\$ 22,543.00
16	Total Health and Sanitation	\$ 136,243.00	\$ 135,693.00
16	Conservation Commission	\$ 114,350.00	\$ 111,350.00
17	Total Conservation	\$ 114,350.00	\$ 111,350.00
17	Libraries-Salaries	\$ 532,005.00	\$ 526,505.00
17	Total Libraries	\$ 752,999.00	\$ 747,499.00
18	Recreation-Expenses	\$ 150,765.00	\$ 144,765.00
18	Total Recreation	\$ 710,545.00	\$ 704,545.00
19	Appropriations Recommended	\$ 31,616,419.00	\$ 31,166,369.00

Speaking in favor of the motion were Robert A. Nolan, Chairman of the School Committee; Ripley Hastings, Chairman of the Finance Committee; Kevin Heath David Lindsay and David Harmon.

Mrs. Nichols' motion **passed unanimously**.

The following appropriations were approved under Article 2(1) of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting at the Adjourned Session held on May 19, 1997:

BUDGET

General Government and Unclassified

Selectmen	
Expenses	5,845.00
Consulting and Professional Services	5,000.00
MetroWest Growth	
Management Committee	4,409.00
Audit Municipal Accounts	11,000.00
Monitoring Groundwater - Landfill	
Facilities Maintenance	210,000.00
Recycling and Energy Conservation	5,000.00
Town Administrator	
Salary	94,100.00
Assistant Town Administrator	
Salary	48,362.00
Expenses	955.00
Finance Committee	1,965.00
Elections and Registration	10,620.00
Town Reports	12,700.00
Town Accountant	
Salary	45,023.00
Office Salaries	35,561.00
Expenses	970.00
Assessors	
Chairman's Salary	100.00
2nd Member's Salary	100.00
3rd Member's Salary	100.00
Expenses	11,600.00
Office Salaries	101,684.00
Expert Appraisal of	
Taxable Property	13,000.00
Revaluation of Real and Personal Property	25,000.00
Treasurer and Collector	
Salary	48,816.00
Office Salaries	79,028.00
Expenses	34,580.00

Town Clerk	
Salary	50.00
Expenses	1,405.00
Microfilming Town Records	130.00
Clerks of Committees	225,762.00
Law	64,600.00
Information Systems	106,803.00
Board of Appeals	4,480.00
Planning Board	
Office Salaries	34,647.00
Expenses	31,295.00
Town Owned Houses	500.00
Town Hall	
Salaries	36,918.00
Expenses	53,466.00
Equipment	1,000.00
Old Library Repair & Maintenance	10,000.00
Josiah Smith Tavern	2,515.00
Brook School Housing -	
Operation & Maintenance	209,841.00
Insurance, Workers' Compensation	186,310.00
Unemployment Compensation	18,000.00
Insurance, Group Life, Accident & Health	2,321,000.00
Contributory Retirement - Middlesex	953,393.00
Contributory Retirement-Teachers	26,673.00
Medicare & Social Security Taxes	175,000.00
Insurance, Boiler, Fire and Liability	94,987.00
Insurance, Motor Vehicles	82,300.00
Unclassified - All Other	8,800.00
War Memorial Educational Fund	725.00
Committee	
Memorial Day	750.00
Interest on Refunds	3,000.00
Total General Government and	
Unclassified	<hr/> 5,459,968.00

Protection of Persons and Property

Police Department	
Salaries	1,797,227.00
Other Expenses	172,147.00
Equipment & Apparatus	85,924.00
Reimbursement of Damages	
to Police Personnel	20,000.00
Fire Department	
Salaries	1,579,817.00

Other Expenses	108,625.00
Equipment & Apparatus	28,525.00
Hydrant Service	188,186.00
Fire Alarm-Extensions and Replacements	28,897.00
Indemnification of Injured Firefighters	1,000.00
Inspections - Buildings, Wire & Gas Piping & Appliances	98,746.00
Traffic Signals - Maintenance & Operation	5,500.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures	300.00
Civil Defense Expenses	1,500.00
Dog Officer	6,200.00
Parking Clerk - Expenses	500.00
Tree Warden - Compensation	5,200.00
Expenses	28,800.00
Tree Planting	986.00
Moth Extermination	400.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	500.00
Total Protection of Persons and Property	4,158,980.00

Schools

Salaries	-
Instructional, Maintenance & Other Expenses	-
Transportation*	-
Support for Public Schools	16,203,645.00
Total Schools	16,203,645.00

Minuteman Regional Vocational

Technical School District	113,218.00
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Public Works

Salaries - Administrative	265,000.00
Salaries - Office	91,250.00
Salaries - All Other	993,445.00
Expenses	288,830.00
Equipment	173,850.00
Town Engineer	--
Highways and Bridges	
Expenses	113,700.00
Snow and Ice Control - Expenses	112,000.00
Drainage	65,000.00
Construction of Sidewalks, Bicycle Paths & Footways	50,000.00

* Includes purchase of school buses for fiscal period.

Recycling & Solid Waste Disposal

Operations	507,880.00
Water	
Expenses**	53,180.0
Water Services - Reimbursable Expenses	43,000.00
Purchase of Water	510,332.00
Parks and Cemeteries	
Expenses	18,650.00
Street Lighting	106,315.00
Total Public Works	<hr/> 3,392,432.00

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health	
Salaries	66,000.00
Expenses	16,450.00
Cooperating Boards of Health	--
Mental Health Services	30,700.00
Septage Disposal	--
Mosquito Control - E. Middlesex	22,543.00
Project	
Total Health and Sanitation	<hr/> 135,693.00

Human Services

Council on Aging	88,489.00
Senior Work Program	3,000.00
Youth Counseling Services	39,300.00
Alcohol & Drug Education	
Advisory Committee	2,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	3,000.00
Total Human Services	<hr/> 135,789.00

Conservation

Conservation Commission	111,350.00
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Libraries

Salaries	526,505.00
Other Expenses	106,245.00
Library Materials	63,624.00
Maintenance and Repair	14,500.00
Equipment	8,625.00
Minuteman Library Network	28,000.00
Total Libraries	<hr/> 747,499.00

** Fiscal Year 1998 to be supplemented by \$60,000 to be appropriated from "Accrued Income-Litigation Settlement."

Historical Commission	
Expenses	3,000.00
Crescent St. Historic District Commission	
Expenses	250.00
Recreation	
Salaries	359,780.00
Expenses	144,765.00
Special Programs - Reimbursable	
Expenditures	200,000.00
Total Recreation	<u>704,545.00</u>
Reserve Fund	<u>---</u>
APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED	<u><u>31,166,369.00</u></u>

Voted (2): that the salaries for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1997 of the Town Clerk and the members of the Board of Assessors, be fixed in amounts equal to the amounts appropriated therefor by previous vote under this article; and that all other elected officers of the Town be unpaid.

Voted (3): that five persons be appointed by the Moderator to serve as a Memorial Day Committee in 1998 with authority to expend for the 1998 Memorial Day observance \$750.00 appropriated for that purpose by previous vote under this article.

Voted (4): that in purchasing property, any allowance for turning in other property may be applied to the purchase price.

ARTICLE 3: To appropriate money from available funds (including "Free Cash" and Overlay Reserve) and from Library Construction Grant for the purpose of deduction by the Assessors in determining the annual assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997.

Voted: that the sum of \$650,000.00 be appropriated from available funds (free cash), \$400,000.00 from Overlay Reserve and \$100,000.00 from Library Construction Grant for the purpose of deduction by the Assessors in determining the annual assessment of taxes in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1997.

ARTICLE 4: To appropriate money from available funds to the reserve fund.

Voted: that the sum of \$300,000.00 be appropriated from available funds (free cash) to the reserve fund.

ARTICLE 19: To transfer the care, custody and control of the property described below for the purpose of conveyance and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a parcel of land of the Town containing approximately 4,000 square feet located on the southwesterly side of North Avenue designated as parcel 13-129 on the Assessors' maps of the Town, together with the structure located thereon and partially in the layout of North Avenue and formerly designated for use as a fire station.

Joseph Mullin **moved:** that the care, custody and control of the property described below be transferred to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveyance and that the said board be authorized to sell a parcel of land of the Town containing approximately 4,000 square feet located on the southwesterly side of North Avenue designated as parcel 13-129 on the Assessors' maps of the Town, together with the structure located thereon and partially in the layout of North Avenue and formerly designated for use as a fire station, said sale to be subject to be subject to the following terms and conditions and others deemed appropriate by the Board of Selectmen:

- 1. the use of the land be limited to single family residential; and
- 2. development of the parcel be pursuant to the town of Weston flexible development Zoning By-Law.

Speaking in favor of the motion were: Paul Hollis, a potential buyer; Roger Lee, Chairman of the Planning Board; James Chace and Dr. Melvyn Lurie. Questions and concerns were raised by, David Lindsay, Joan Vernon, Robert Webb, Pamela Fox, Peter Sutton, Lawrence Fordham, and Berry Jones-Mensing.

A motion to call the question passed.

Mr. Mullin's motion was **defeated** on a voice vote.

ARTICLE 20: To appropriate money by transfer of funds from Sale of Lots Fund to the account Improvement and Development of Cemetery Land from Sale of Lots Fund.

Voted: that the sum of \$40,000.00 be appropriated by transfer of funds from the Sale of Lots Fund to the Account Improvement and Development of Cemetery Land from Sale of Lots Fund.

ARTICLE 21: To raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to the use of the Board of Selectmen and/or Director of Public Works, for the purpose of hiring a Tree Warden trained in Arboriculture as mandated by state law, to maintain the health, safety and diversity of trees within the town. Responsibilities include coordinating public works crews, monitoring contracted services, and working cooperatively with utility

companies, developers, property owners, businesses, educational institutions and other government agencies. *Submitted by petition*

Voted: that Article 21 be passed over and so disposed of.

ARTICLE 22: To raise and appropriate money to the use of the Board of Selectmen for improvement and development of land of the Town located off Church Street for the purpose of off-street parking.

Voted: that the sum of \$10,000.00 be raised and appropriated to the use of the Selectmen for the improvement and development of land of the Town located off Church Street for the purpose of off-street parking.

ARTICLE 23: To amend the Weston Zoning By-law in order to enact a temporary moratorium on the construction and/or expansion of wireless communications facilities by:

(1) adding to Section V. Use Regulations a new Subsection V.A.3 to read as follows:

V.A. 3 No wireless communications facilities shall be constructed or expanded, and no permit shall be issued for same, until the adjournment of a Fall 1997 Weston Town Meeting or until December 16, 1997 whichever occurs sooner; provided, however, that wireless communications facilities involving co-location on existing towers or antennae may be authorized during said period by special permit of the Zoning Board of Appeals issued pursuant to Section X.B of this By-law. The purpose of this temporary moratorium is to give the Planning Board time to develop and propose amendments to the By-law which will authorize and regulate wireless communications facilities in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

(2) by renumbering the existing Subsection V.A.3 to V.A.4; and

(3) by adding to Section II Definitions, the following new definition:

Wireless Communications Facilities -- any and all materials, equipment, storage structures, monopoles, towers, satellite dishes and/or antennae intended for transmitting or receiving telecommunications services including, but not limited to radio, television and cellular telephone services, except as may be incidental to a residential use.

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Roger Lee **moved:** that the Weston Zoning By-Law be amended in order to enact a temporary moratorium on the construction and/or expansion of

wireless communications facilities by adopting the changes as set forth in Article 23 of the Warrant.

The following letter from the Planning Board was submitted to the Moderator:

May 12, 1997

Robert Buchanan, Esquire
Town Moderator
Weston Town Hall
Weston, MA 02193

RE: Report of the Weston Planning Board to the Town Moderator regarding proposed temporary moratorium on construction / and or expansion of wireless communication facilities (Article 23 in the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting)

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Planning Board of the Town of Weston submits its report and recommendations to the Town Moderator and the Town Meeting concerning the above referenced warrant article.

A public hearing on the proposed zoning amendment was held on April 15, 1997 and April 29, 1997.

As a result of the landmark federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, an improvement in the technology by the telecommunications industry and a greater demand for services, telecommunications companies are deluging cities and towns nationwide with requests for siting cellular towers. The equipment located on the towers is utilized by cellular services, personal communications services, and specialized mobile radio transmitters.

Municipal governments cannot prohibit the location of telecommunications towers, but they may impose procedural requirements, location specific requirements, and restrictions on height and appearance. The Weston Zoning Bylaw does not currently address the siting of telecommunications towers.

The purpose of the temporary moratorium is to give the Planning Board time to develop and propose amendments to the By-law which will authorize and regulate wireless communications facilities in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

The proposed moratorium will continue until either the adjournment of 1997 Fall Town Meeting, or until December 16, 1997, whichever comes sooner.

The Planning Board recommends to the Town Meeting that Article 23 be approved.

Sincerely,

S/ G. Roger Lee

G. Roger Lee, Chairman

Weston Planning Board

Mr. Lee's motion **passed unanimously**.

ARTICLE 24: To amend the Weston Zoning Bylaw to regulate the gross floor area of single family detached dwellings and garages by:

adding a new definition of Residential Gross Floor Area to Section II of the Zoning Bylaw which will read as follows:

RESIDENTIAL GROSS FLOOR AREA

The sum of the horizontal areas of the finished above grade floors in the residential building(s) on a lot, including attached or detached garages. Said areas shall be measured from the exterior face of the exterior walls.

and

deleting the period at the end of the first sentence, following the words "housekeeping unit" , in Section V.B. 1.a., and adding the phrase: ", provided that such use shall have a residential gross floor area not greater than 0.10 times the lot area."

and

adding a new Section V.B.2.c. to read as follows:

Single family detached dwelling containing one housekeeping unit only, together with accessory buildings not containing a housekeeping unit, in conformity with Section VI, Subsection F.2 and having a residential gross floor area equal to or greater than 0.10 times the lot area.

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

Roger Lee **moved:** that the Weston Zoning By-Law be amended, in order to regulate the gross floor area of new single family dwellings and garages, by:

1. adding a new definition of Residential Gross Floor Area to Section II of the Zoning By-Law which will read as follows:

RESIDENTIAL GROSS FLOOR AREA ("RFGA")

The sum of the horizontal area(s) of the above-grade floors in the residential building(s) on a lot, excluding unfinished attics but including attached or detached garages. The RFGA shall be measured from the exterior face of the exterior walls.

and

2. adding the following new text at the end of Section V.B.1.a:

The Residential Gross Floor Area "RFGA" of any new single family dwelling use constructing pursuant to a building permit issued on or after May 12, 1997, may not exceed the greater of 3,500 S.f. or 10% of the lot area up to a maximum of 6,000 s.f.

and

3. adding a new Section V.B.2.c to read as follows:

A new single family detached dwelling containing one housekeeping unit only, together with accessory buildings not containing a housekeeping unit, in conformity with Section VI, subsection F.2, which is constructed pursuant to a building permit issued on or after May 12, 1997 and which exceeds the RFGA limit provided in Section V.B.1.a.

The following letter from the Planning Board was submitted to the Moderator:

May 12, 1997

Robert Buchanan, Esquire
Town Moderator
Weston Town Hall
Weston, MA 02193

RE: Report of the Weston Planning Board to the Town Moderator regarding Article 24 in the Annual Warrant for Town Meeting which proposes amendment of the Weston Zoning Bylaw to regulate the gross floor area of single family detached dwellings and garages

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 40A, Section 5, the Planning Board of the Town of Weston submits its report and recommendations to the Town Moderator and Town Meeting concerning the above referenced warrant article.

A public hearing on the proposed zoning amendment was held on April 15, 1997 and April 29, 1997.

During the past few years, the Planning Board has received comments from many residents about the impact of new residential construction on the rural character of the Town. Just as in many surrounding communities, there is widespread concern in Weston over new buildings which are out of scale with their context

and the lot they sit upon. Along with very large dwellings come very large leach fields, massive tree and vegetation removal, access and parking provisions, and other accessory elements which strain the capacity of typical Weston lots. The current zoning bylaw only governs setback and height limitations.

Beginning in late fall of 1996, The Planning Board held a series of informational meetings on this issue of Town character. From the comments received at these meetings, the Planning Board has developed a zoning amendment which relates the permitted amount of building floor area to the area of a lot. Such controls already apply to Weston's business districts. Buildings with more than a stipulated ratio of floor to lot area would require individual review. Conditions for approval would be granted provided that the specifics of the building design and location protect the concerns outlined in previously adopted standards and criteria in the zoning bylaw.

The proposed amendment to the Bylaw, called "Residential Gross Floor Area" or "RGFA", applies only to new single family dwelling units constructed on or after May 12, 1997. A single family house already in existence prior to May 12, 1997 is not subject to RGFA review. The zoning amendment establishes a by-right use in all single family residence districts of 3500 square feet for a house or 10% of the lot area, whichever is greater. If a proposed house exceeds this standard, it is subject to Site Plan Approval from the Planning Board. In addition, any house that is greater than 6,000 square feet automatically triggers Site Plan Approval. The proposed amendment does not create an absolute cap, but establishes a threshold which, when exceeded, triggers a review process.

The review process, or Site Plan Approval, has been part of Weston's Zoning By-Law since 1989. Standards are established already in place. Any application for Site Plan Approval must meet these established criteria. The Planning Board will focus on driveway placement and alignment, provision of visual screening with vegetative buffers, and consistency with abutting properties, in the review process.

The proposed amendment provides a definition of Residential Gross Floor Area which includes all construction that is above grade, including attached and detached garages.

The Planning Board of the Town of Weston recommends that Town Meeting approve Article 24.

S/ G. Roger Lee

By: G. Roger Lee, Chairman
Weston Planning Board

Mr. Lee's motion **passed unanimously.**

ARTICLE 25: To amend the Weston Zoning Bylaw to increase the minimum lot frontage and lot width requirements for all new conventional lots created in Single Family Residence Districts A, B, C, and D after May 12, 1997, by:

(a) amending the Section VI.B.2 Table of Conventional Dimensional Requirements by deleting the listing for Minimum street frontage and minimum lot width in its entirety, and substituting therefor a new listing to read as follows:

	<u>District</u>			
	A	B	C	D
minimum street frontage, and minimum lot width at street setback line and at building line	250 ft.	200 ft.	175 ft	150 ft.

and

adding a new note (c) and (d) to the Notes following the Section VI.B.2 Table of Conventional Dimensional Requirements to read as follows:

(c) A lot shown on a Plan endorsed by the Planning Board before May 13, 1997 or a lot for which a separate deed has been recorded before said date, and which was otherwise in compliance with this Bylaw when so endorsed or recorded, shall be deemed to comply with the minimum street frontage and lot width requirements of this Bylaw, if it has a street frontage and lot width of at least 200 Ft. in the Single Family Residence District A, 150 ft. in the Single Family Residence District B, 125 ft. in the Single Family Residence District C, or 100 ft. in the Single Family Residence District D.

(d) For the limited purposes of determining density under Section VI.H.6.d., the applicable minimum frontage and lot width requirements shall be 200 ft. on the Single Family Residence District A, 150 ft. in the Single Family Residence District B, 125 ft. in the Single Family Residence District C, or 100 ft. in the Single Family Residence District D.

and

(b) amending Section VI.H. Flexible Development Requirements and Procedures by deleting the period and adding the following new phrase at the end of the second sentence of Section VI.H.6.d. to read:

, provided, however, that for the limited purpose of showing conformance with said conventional dimensional requirements, the applicable minimum frontage and lot width requirements shall be 200 ft. in the Single family Residence District A , 150 ft in the Single Family Residence District B, 125 ft. in the Single Family Residence District C, and 100 ft. in the Single Family Residence District D.

and

amending Section VI.H. Flexible Development Requirements and Procedures by deleting the words "contiguous" and the phrase "that is not less than 240,000 square feet" in the first sentence of Section VI.H.1. Applicability so that the sentence will read:

An owner or owners of land in a Single Family Residence District may apply to the Planning Board for a Special Permit for Flexible Development under this Section VI.H.

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

Roger Lee **moved:** that the Weston Zoning By-Law be amended in order to increase the minimum lot frontage and lot width requirements for all new conventional lots created in Single Family Residence Districts A, B, C, and D after May 12, 1997 by adopting the changes as set forth in Article 25 of the Warrant.

The following letter from the Planning Board was submitted to the Moderator:

May 12, 1997

Robert Buchanan, Esquire
Town Moderator
Weston Town Hall
Weston, MA 02193

RE: Report of the Weston Planning Board to the Town Moderator regarding a proposed increase in minimum lot frontage and lot width requirements for all new conventional lots created in all Single Family Residence Districts after May 12, 1997 (Article 25 in the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting).

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Planning Board of the Town of Weston submits its report and recommendations to the Town Moderator and the Town Meeting concerning the above referenced warrant article.

A public hearing on the proposed zoning amendment was held on April 15, 1997 and April 29, 1997.

The amendment proposes to increase the minimum street frontage, minimum lot width at street setback line and at building line by 50 feet for all Single Family Residence Districts. According to this proposal, minimum street frontage in District A would be 250 feet, minimum street frontage in District B would be 200 feet, minimum street frontage for District C would be 175 feet and minimum street frontage for District D would be 150 feet. However, the existing lot width and frontage requirements would remain applicable if a development is submitted under the flexible zoning provision of the Zoning Bylaw.

The proposed bylaw addresses a problem that has been identified by many town residents. New home construction is threatening to eliminate those elements of the landscape that give Weston its desirable rural character. Stone walls, open meadows, stretches of woods are disappearing with the construction of homes that are significantly larger than those built only several years ago. Larger homes require the construction of larger septic systems, larger driveways, and the addition of accessory buildings structures such as pools, cabanas and tennis courts, with the resultant elimination of the natural features of a New England town. The problem is most evident along the narrow, winding, scenic roads in the Town.

The Zoning Bylaw does not address developments along these existing roads. An Approval Not Required Plan submitted to the Planning Board receives only Board endorsement, not a thorough review, if the Plan has the required frontage. Public input is not required. The Planning Board may only give a comprehensive review and influence the design of a development when a new subdivision road is required.

The proposed amendment provides an incentive to land owners and developers to bring their plan before the Planning Board for a comprehensive review.

To provide this incentive, there has been an increase in frontage in all single family residence districts. However, the existing frontage and lot width requirements remain in effect if the development is done under the flexible zoning process. Lot width and frontage can determine the density, or number of lots that can be built on a piece of land. Because the dimensional requirements are increased by 50 feet, a land owner could potentially lose a lot or two unless the development is submitted under flexible zoning. Under flexible, a landowner can have the same number of house lots to which he was entitled before the amendment.

Under the existing Zoning By-law, flexible development is limited to those parcels which contain 240,000 s.f. or more. The zoning amendment eliminates the 240,000 s.f. requirement.

Flexible zoning was adopted by the town in 1994, and has been used extensively by developers in the development process. There are advantage to both the developer and the Town. From the Town's perspective, it gives the Planning Board the authority to impose conditions that would not be so easily imposed in a conventional subdivision. The developer's appreciate the process because the flexibility of an improved design translates into a more marketable product.

The increase in frontage is supportable because of the size of homes that are constructed. The need for additional space for larger septic systems that support the home, and the fact that the newer homes have a greatly increased footprint compared to the older homes, point to the necessity for requiring a wider lot.

Finally, the proposed amendment has no impact on existing homes. Existing homes have the benefit of the existing frontage and lot width requirements. The new amendment will not make the existing homes non conforming because they

will continue to conform with the bylaw because the dimensional requirements do not change for them.

The Planning Board recommends to the Town Meeting that Article 25 be approved.

By: Weston Planning Board

S/ G. Roger Lee

Mr. Lee's motion **passed unanimously.**

ARTICLE 26: To amend the Weston Zoning Bylaw to allow for the use of Town-owned buildings of historic significance that have less than 1,500 s.f. gross floor area, and are located in Single-Family Residence Districts, for non-residential purposes by adding the following new Section V.B.6. to read as follows:

V.B.6. Uses Allowed with Special Permit of the Board of Selectmen with Site Plan Approval

- a. antique shop
- b. shop or studio of an artist, potter, sculptor, silversmith, woodcarver, or similar craftsman
- c. office of a doctor, dentist, lawyer, accountant, architect, engineer, or similar professional, provided that for the above uses, the following shall apply:
 - (i) all work and storage shall be conducted within the building and no more than three full-time employees or their equivalents, shall be employed on the premises;
 - (ii) the use is conducted within a building owned by the Town of Weston, which building has a gross floor area equal to or less than 1500 s.f. and been designated by the Weston Historical Commission as a building of historic significance;
 - (iii) all proposed interior and exterior renovations of the building and the site have been reviewed by the Historical Commission and the Historical Commission has issued an advisory report that such renovations will not adversely affect the historical integrity of the building and the site on which it is located;
 - (iv) the Board of Selectmen finds that the impacts on the neighborhood expected to be generated by the proposed use are consistent with other uses permitted in Single Family Residence Districts;
 - (v) the use may be subject to such further terms and conditions as shall be deemed appropriate by the Board of Selectmen in order to pre-

serve the integrity of the historic building and to protect the surrounding neighborhood from detrimental impacts.

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

Roger Lee **moved:** that the Weston Zoning By-Law be amended in order to allow the use of Town-owned buildings of historic significance that have less than 1,500 square feet gross floor area, and are located in Single Family Residence Districts for non-residential purposes by adding a new Section V.B.6. as set forth in Article 26 of the Warrant.

The following letter from the Planning Board was submitted to the Moderator:

May 12, 1997

Robert Buchanan, Esquire
Town Moderator
Weston Town Hall
Weston, MA 02193

RE: Report of the Weston Planning Board to the Town Moderator regarding Article 26 in the Annual Warrant for Town Meeting which proposes amendment of the Weston Zoning Bylaw to allow certain commercial uses in municipally owned historical buildings

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Planning Board of the Town of Weston submits its report and recommendations to the Town Moderator and the Town Meeting concerning the above referenced warrant article.

A public hearing on the proposed zoning amendment was held on April 15, 1997 and April 29, 1997.

The Town of Weston currently owns several historic buildings in Town. Some of these are used for municipal purposes.

The Selectmen asked the Planning Board to consider a zoning amendment which would allow: 1) a municipally owned historic structure to be used in such a way that it would not be a financial burden on the Town; 2.) the building to generate some income; 3.) the building to be maintained and/or upgraded by the occupant with its historic features preserved; 4). no impact on the neighborhood as a result of the proposed use.

The proposed zoning amendment is restricted to municipally owned historic structures that are less than 1500 s.f. gross floor area. The only applicable structure in Town is the . Fiske Law Office, located on Town of Weston property on the Boston Post Road, across from Fiske Road. The parcel is zoned Single Family Residence "D". The building is unoccupied.

Procedurally, the zoning amendment proposes Site Plan Approval by the Planning Board and the issuance of a Special Permit by the Board of Selectmen. Prior to issuance of a special permit, the Board of Selectmen must determine that the impacts of the use are consistent with other uses permitted in a single family neighborhood.

Uses that are proposed for this structure are an antique shop, shop or studio or an artist, potter, sculptor, silversmith, woodcarver, or similar craftsman, or an office of a physician, dentist, lawyer or similar professional. The proposed zoning amendment specifies that all renovations must be reviewed by the Historical Commission, all work and storage must be conducted within the building, and the number of persons working in the building is limited to no more than three employees.

The Planning Board of the Town of Weston recommends that Town Meeting approve Article 26.

S/ G. Roger Lee

By: G. Roger Lee, Chairman
Weston Planning Board

Mr. Lee's motion **passed unanimously**.

ARTICLE 27: To amend Article IV of the By-Laws of the Town of Weston, by deleting Sections 1 and 2, and substituting therefor the following:

Section 1. No person shall excavate or dig up any portion of the ground within the limits of any public way for the laying of wires, pipes, or conduits, or for any other purpose, or move any building along such way, or use or occupy any portion of such way for staging or other structures or for the storage of building or other materials without a written permit from the Department of Public Works. Such permit shall be in such form and for such duration as the Director of Operations may determine, and shall be upon condition that the permittee maintain suitable lanterns, danger signals, and barriers for the protection of the public, and restore such way to its original condition or to a condition approved by the Director of Operations. The Director may require that before any such permit is granted, the applicant therefor shall give a bond to the Town, in form and with sureties satisfactory to the Director, to indemnify and save harmless the Town against any and all damage, cost, and expense on account of the issuance of such permit and the work to be done thereunder, and to guarantee the proper performance and completion of said work.

Section 2. The Selectmen shall have authority to make rules and regulations with regard to the excavation and use of public ways and with regard to the parking of automobiles and other vehicles upon land owned by the Town and upon highways and streets of the Town; said regulations to establish fees for

permit application and inspection, and penalties for violation of said regulations.

Voted unanimously: that Article IV of the By-Laws of the Town of Weston be amended by deleting Sections 1 and 2 and substituting therefor new Section 1 and new Section 2 as set forth in Article 27 of the Warrant.

ARTICLE 28: To reallocate the Town's required share of the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District budget in accordance with the regional agreement as permitted by Section 16B of chapter 71 of the General Laws , or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: that the Town's share of the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District budget be allocated in accordance with the regional agreement.

ARTICLE 29: To accept as a public town way Black Burnian Road as shown on the plan entitled "Warbler Springs Definitive Plan, Plan of Land in Weston Massachusetts," Sheets 3 and 4, dated January 31, 1984, revised November 2, 1987, prepared by Schofield Brothers, Inc., laid out by order of the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift or eminent domain an easement to use said way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Weston, or to take any action relative thereto.

Ann Leibowitz **moved:** that the Town accept the layout of Black Burnian Road as a public town way as shown on the plan entitled " Warbler Springs Definitive Plan, Plan of Land in Weston, Massachusetts," Sheets 3 and 4, dated January 31, 1984, revised November 2, 1987, prepared by Schofield Brothers, Inc., laid out by order of the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and that the Board of Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to acquire by gift, or eminent domain and easement to use said way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Weston.

Alan M. Strout **moved** to amend Mrs. Leibowitz' motion to change the spelling of the street name from Black Burnian Road to Blackburnian Road in respect to the warbler after which the road is named and the 18th century Englishwoman after whom the warbler was named.

Mrs. Leibowitz **accepted** Mr. Strout's motion.

Mrs. Leibowitz' amended motion **passed**.

ARTICLE 30: To accept as a public town way Cerulean Way as shown on a plan entitled "Warbler Springs Definitive Plan, Plan of Land in Weston, Massachusetts," Sheet 2, dated January 31, 1984, prepared by Schofield Brothers, Inc., laid out by order of the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and

to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift or eminent domain an easement to use said way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Weston, or to take any action relative thereto.

Voted: that the Town accept the layout of Cerulean Way as a public town way as shown on a plan entitled "Warbler Springs Definitive Plan, Plan of Land in Weston, Massachusetts," Sheet 2, dated January 31, 1984, prepared by Schofield Brothers, Inc., laid out by order of the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and that the Board of Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to acquire by gift or eminent domain an easement to use said way for all the purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Weston.

ARTICLE 31: To accept as a public town way a portion of Scotch Pine Road from the terminus of the portion accepted as public town way by the vote under Article 15 of the March 25, 1963 Annual Town Meeting (April 1, 1963 Adjourned Session), to the Wellesley Town line, as shown on a plan entitled "Pierce Estates, Subdivision of Land in Weston, Mass.," dated October 25, 1963, prepared by MacCarthy Engineering Service Inc., laid out by order of the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift or eminent domain an easement to use said way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Weston, or to take any action relative thereto.

Voted: that the Town accept the layout of a portion of Scotch Pine Road from the terminus of the portion accepted as public way by vote under Article 15 of the March 25, 1963 Annual Town Meeting (April 1, 1963 Adjourned Session) to the Wellesley Town line as a public town way as shown on a plan entitled "Pierce Estates, Subdivision of Land in Weston, Mass." dated October 25, 1963, prepared by MacCarthy Engineering Service Inc., laid out by order of the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and that the Board of Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to acquire by gift or eminent domain an easement to use said way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Weston.

ARTICLE 32: To accept as a public town way Falmouth Road, as shown on a plan entitled "Pierce Estates, Subdivision of Land in Weston, Mass.," dated October 25, 1963, prepared by MacCarthy Engineering Service Inc., laid out by order of the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift or eminent domain an easement for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Weston, or to take any action relative thereto.

Voted: that the Town accept a layout of Falmouth Road as a public town way as shown on a plan entitled "Pierce Estates, Subdivision of Land in

Weston, Mass.," dated October 25, 1963, prepared by MacCarthy Engineering Service Inc., laid out by order of the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Town Clerk, and that the Board of Selectmen be and it is hereby authorized to acquire by gift or eminent domain an easement to use said way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Weston.

A motion to **dissolve** the Annual Town Meeting was made, seconded and accepted by the Moderator at 10:42 p.m.

ADJOURNED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
May 19,1997

Pursuant to the warrant, Robert M. Buchanan, the Moderator, called the Adjourned session of the May 14, 1997 Special Town Meeting to order at 10:44 p.m. on May 19, 1997 in the Eleanor Welch Casey Theater at Regis College. The Moderator declared a quorum present.

A motion to **adjourn** the Special Town Meeting to May 21, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. was made, seconded and accepted at 10:45 p.m.

ADJOURNED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
May 21,1997

Pursuant to the warrant, Robert M. Buchanan, the Moderator, called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Eleanor Welch Casey Theater at Regis College. The Moderator declared a quorum present.

The Moderator appointed the following Tellers and swore them to their duties:

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| Ronald Corley | Jane Lonergan |
| Janice Corley | Paul Penfield, Jr. |
| Albert Kalman | William Rousseau |

ARTICLE 3: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to join the Towns of Belmont, Wayland, Sudbury, Hudson, and Berlin, and the City of Waltham, in applying to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation and Construction for state and federal funding for the design and construction of a 25 mile-long multi-use trail (hereinafter referred to as "the trail") for both non-motorized and motorized wheel chairs, as well as other non-motorized users along the Central Massachusetts Branch of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (the "MBTA") subject to the following conditions:

The design and construction of the trail shall include adequate public parking for the needs of Weston residents, at a minimum, and adequate restroom facilities along the trail in the Town of Weston; both subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen; and

The design and construction of the trail shall also be subject to approval by the Town of Weston Conservation Commission pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Rivers Protection Act (Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40).

The Town of Weston shall have no matching requirement, or any other funding obligation for either the design or construction of this trail and;

Once the trail is completed, and the lease agreement with the MBTA becomes effective, the Town of Weston's specified responsibilities shall be limited to providing of police, fire, and emergency rescue services along its portion of the trail, as well as on-going Department of Public Works maintenance of the trail and amenities, and the payment of repair, operations and administrative costs required to perform these services, and

Notwithstanding the above conditions, the Board of Selectmen shall establish a working group of residents who shall conduct an assessment relative to the trail's impact upon abutting town conservation land usage and maintenance, develop a comprehensive parking and traffic management plan related to the trail, develop a plan which addresses public safety requirements for the trail, recommend mitigation measures to address concerns of abutters, and address the character of the town center as affected by the trail, detail costs estimates of the town's ongoing responsibilities relative to the trail, and other responsibilities as may be designated by the Board. The working group shall report to the Board within six months of this vote. The Board of Selectmen shall have the final determination relative to the working group's recommendations, and shall then make a determination relative to the town's continuing participation in the project, and finally

That, in the event that neither the design nor the construction of this trail is completed by January 1, 2008, this authorization shall expire.

Kate Detwiler **moved:** that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to join the Towns of Belmont, Wayland, Hudson, and Berlin, and the City of Waltham, in applying to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation and Construction for state and federal funding for the design and construction of a 25 mile-long multi-use trail (hereinafter referred to as "the trail") for both non-motorized and motorized wheel chairs, as well as other non-motorized users along the Central Massachusetts Branch of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (the "MBTA") subject to the conditions as set forth in Article 3 of the warrant for this special town meeting,

Ms. Detwiler described the proposed trail, for which the right-of-way for which is owned by the MBTA. The Town would be responsible for future costs of its maintenance and for response to emergencies along the trail, for which usage is projected at 1,000 trips per day on weekdays and 2,000 trips per day on weekends. She also pointed out that at this point a yes vote is a commitment to participate in the design phase of the trail, but is no an irrevocable commitment on the part of the Town to participate in building the trail.

Douglas Gillespie, representing Environmentally Concerned Outdoorsmen; Michael O'Halleran, of the Waltham City Council; Peter Hill; Joseph Mullin, Board of Selectmen; John A. Fiske; Pierre Guesnon; Kay McCahan, Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee; Benji McGowan; and Joshua Barrows, a student at the Middle School spoke in favor of the motion.

Speaking against the proposal were Larry Nickerson, Ron Hirschberg, a resident who is a veterinarian, Kenneth Bennett, and Mitchell Weisberg,

A motion from the floor calling the question was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Ms. Detwiler's motion **passed** by the following vote: Yes: 228 No: 131.

A motion by Peter Sutton to reconsider the vote was rejected on a voice vote.

A motion to **dissolve** the Special Town Meeting was made, seconded and adopted at 9:22 p.m.

The following legislation was enacted at the request of the Town of Weston, pursuant to the provisions of Article 5 of the Special Town Meeting of December 9, 1996:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE INVESTMENT OF CERTAIN TRUST FUNDS BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION I. Notwithstanding the provisions of the second sentence of section 54 of chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other general or special law, the town of Weston, may, unless otherwise provided or directed by the donor thereof, direct the treasurer to invest such trust funds in securities, other than mortgages or collateral loans, which are legal for the investment of funds of savings banks under the laws of the commonwealth, provided that not more than 15 per cent of such trust funds shall be invested in bank stocks and insur-

ance company stocks, nor shall more than 7 per cent of such funds be invested in the stock of any one bank or insurance company.

SECTION II. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House of Representatives, July 28, 1997.

Passed to be enacted *S/William P. Nagle, Jr., Speaker.*

In Senate, August 4, 1997.

Passed to be enacted *S/Thomas F. Birmingham, President.*

August 13, 1997.

Approved,

at 10 o'clock and 35 minutes, a.m.

S/Argeo Paul Cellucci,
Acting Governor.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 20, 1997

Pursuant to a warrant, duly served, Robert M. Buchanan, the Moderator, called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. on October 20, 1997 in the Eleanor Welch Casey Theater at Regis College. The Moderator declared a quorum present and proceeded with the reading of the Warrant and Return of Service.

The Moderator appointed the following tellers and swore them to their duties:

Mary G. Aydelott
Janice Corey
Eliot Feldman
Cheryl Kelly

Jane Lonergan
Blake Munson
Patricia Munson
Kathleen Rousseau

The Moderator welcomed visitors and outlined procedures to be followed; warned about brevity; and requested citizens to give their names and addresses before speaking.

ARTICLE 1: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town a covenant from the owner and/or developer of the land described in Article 2 of this warrant relating to the proposal to construct multiple dwellings on such land, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen determine are advisable, or take any other action relative thereto.

Roger Lee **moved:** that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to accept on behalf of the Town the covenant from Weston Associates Management Co.,

Inc., Paul E. Hague and William S. Abbott, Trustees of 53 and 65 South Avenue Trust, Gerald W. Blakeley, Jr. and Paul E. Hague, Trustees of 71 South Avenue Trust, Gerald W. Blakeley, Jr., and Paul E. Hague, Trustees of Glenfeld South Realty Trust, and Paul J. Donahue to the Town dated October 20, 1997, relating to the proposal to develop multiple dwellings on the land described in Article 2 of the Warrant for this Special Town Meeting.

The Moderator explained that the presentation would related to Articles 1 & 2 which are related, although only one article can be on the floor at a time. Mr. Lee yielded the floor to Paul J. Donahue who explained the details of the proposed project to the Town Meeting. Assisting Mr. Donahue in his presentation were Philip Minervino, the architect for the project, and attorney Paul Gallvani.

Speaking in favor of the motion and the project were Martin Coleman, Kenneth Fish, Ripley E. Hastings on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, and Roger Lee on behalf of the Planning Board. Katherine Strehle, speaking on behalf of the Council on Aging pointed out that the proposed condominium project would meet the needs of only a small portion of the Town's senior citizens, because of the high cost of the proposed condominiums.

Speaking in opposition to the proposal were: David Whitehouse, Jay Wilson, Glenn Herb, Stephen Bonner, Habib Rahman, Edwin Brush, Tsung Chang and Nabil El-Hage.

A motion was made from the floor to call the question. The motion passed.

Mr. Lee's motion **passed** by the following vote: Yes: 329 - No: 273

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law and the Zoning Map of the Town of Weston by changing from a Single Family Residence District A to a Multiple Dwelling District B the following described land. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Beginning at a point located on the northerly location line of South Avenue, said point Being common to land now or formerly of Tsing-Ting and The Commonwealth of Massachusetts; thence runs N53-43-41W, 194.32 feet to an angle point; thence runs N49-48-41W, 141.10 feet to a stone bound; thence runs N50-48-41W, 243.50 feet to an angle point; thence runs N45-44-41W, 40.5 feet to a copper bolt at the beginning of a stone wall; thence runs N34-38-41W, 598.45 feet along a stone wall to a stone bound located at land now or formerly of the estate of John J. Lawless, the last five (5) mentioned courses being by land now or formerly of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts; thence runs S42-41-22W, 311.56 feet by land now or formerly of the estate of John J. Lawless to a stone bound located at land now or formerly of David Whitehouse; thence runs S15-04-16E, 246.39 feet to a drillhole in a boulder; thence runs S14-21-28E, 921.16 feet to a point located on the northerly location line of South Avenue, the last

two (2) mentioned courses being by land now or formerly of David Whitehouse; thence runs Northeasterly 57.23 feet on a curve to the left of radius 990.90 feet to a point of non-tangency; thence runs N63-38-44E, 441.75 feet to an angle point; thence runs N26-21-16W, 5.00 feet to an angle point; thence runs N63-38-44E, 288.38 feet to a point of curvature; thence runs Northeasterly 33.19 feet on a curve to the left of radius 40.00 feet to a point of tangency; thence N16-06-32E, 97.58 feet to a point of beginning; the last six (6) mentioned courses being by the northerly location line of South Avenue.

The above described property contains 661,445 square feet more or less and is encumbered by a Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Sub Surface Easement, as shown on Plan No. 186 (sheets 61-62) of 1996. The property is also subject to rights of passage on ("Glenfeld East private 40' way) and 15' passage between lots 3 and 4 as shown on plan No. 10 in book 119 of 1899, and resubdivided on Plan 1987 of 1949.
(submitted by petition)

Paul J. Donahue **moved** to withdraw Article 2. On the advice of the Moderator he revised his motion to pass over and so dispose of Article 2.

Town Meeting members asked the following questions:

- What is the effect of withdrawing the motion? **Response:** As such a motion was not finally made under article 2, there is no effect.
- What is the effect of a negative vote under Article 2 (i.e. defeat of the motion which appears in the warrant)? **Response:** The matter cannot be raised again at Town Meeting for a period of two years unless there is a positive recommendation from the Planning Board.
- What is the effect of passing over the motion? **Response:** The same as if a negative vote was taken (i.e. the matter cannot be raised again at Town Meeting for a period of two years unless there is a positive recommendation from the Planning Board.)

A standing count was taken and Mr. Donahue's motion to pass over Article 2 **passed** by the following vote: Yes: 131 - No: 39.

ARTICLE 3: To appropriate money to the use of the Board of Selectmen for the cost of engineering or architectural services for plans and specifications for sewage treatment and disposal facilities to serve buildings of the Town of Weston and all incidental costs related thereto, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority and to authorize the issuing of bonds and notes, or take any other action relative thereto.

Elizabeth D. Nichols **moved:** that the sum of \$50,000.00 be appropriated to the use of the Board of Selectmen for the cost of engineering or architectural services for plans and specifications for sewage treatment and disposal facilities

to serve buildings of the Town of Weston and all incidental costs related thereto, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the Authority of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7 (22), or any other enabling authority, to which end the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds or notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities, and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

William Helms, Chair of the Committee to Study Uses and Space Needs of Public Lands and Public Buildings described the need for the study of septic systems serving the Case House, Woodland School and The Country School in view of the fact that the two schools will need renovation in the near future and in anticipation of a possible new building for Recreation and the Council on Aging near the Case House. Vincent Costantini of the Finance Committee spoke in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Nichols' motion **passed** unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: To vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a special act in substantially the following form:

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in General Laws Chapter 258, Sections 9 and 13, the Town of Weston shall indemnify and save harmless municipal officers, elected or appointed, from personal financial loss and expense in any amount including reasonable legal fees and costs, arising out of any claim, demand, suit, settlement, or judgment in connection with the proposed development of the Massachusetts Broken Stone site, by reason of any act or omission, including claims alleging intentional torts or violations of civil rights under federal or state law, if the official at the time of such act or omission was acting within the scope of his or her official duties or employment.
 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
- or to take any other action relative thereto.

Ripley E. Hastings **moved:** that a petition be presented by the Selectmen to the General Court of the Commonwealth by and on behalf of the Town meeting of the Town of Weston to enact a special law relative to the indemnification of municipal officers substantially as set forth in Article 4 of the Warrant for this Town Meeting.

Peter Kellogg and Ken Berman spoke in favor of the motion.

In response to the question of whether this article related only to the AMA Funding lawsuit Mr. Hastings responded that it relates to all matters concerning Massachusetts Broken Stone. In response to another question he stated that the Selectmen felt that it was appropriate to limit the scope of the article to Mass. Broken Stone only. In response to another question the Moderator stated that an amendment from the floor to include all Town officials and any litigation would not be allowed, as voters who had chosen not to come to this Town Meeting would not have had fair warning of the scope of the issue to be considered.

Mr. Hastings' motion **passed** on a voice vote.

A motion to **dissolve** the Special Town Meeting was made, seconded and adopted at 11:12 p.m.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING December 8, 1997

Pursuant to a warrant, duly served, Robert M. Buchanan, the Moderator, called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. On December 8, 1997, in the Weston High School Auditorium. The Moderator declared a quorum present and proceeded with the reading of the Warrant and Return of Service.

The Moderator appointed the following tellers and swore them to their duties:

In the Auditorium:	David Burmon	Grace Pina
	Jack Bushman	Audrey Yett
In the Gymnasium:	John Athas	Jane Lonergan
	Peter Bassett	Richard Murray
	Robert Fenn	Habib Rahman
	Cheryl Kelley	Jean Thurston

The Moderator welcomed visitors and outlined procedures to be followed; warned about brevity; and requested citizens to give their names and addresses before speaking.

ARTICLE 1: To transfer and/or appropriate additional money from available funds (including "Free Cash"), such appropriation to be for the current fiscal year, to the appropriation "Law".

Voted: that the sum of \$150,000.00 of additional money be appropriated for the current fiscal year from available funds (Free Cash) to the appropriation "Law."

ARTICLE 2: To appropriate money to the use of the Selectmen for the cost of purchasing additional departmental equipment (voting equipment), the money so appropriated to be raised by the transfer of available funds and/or by borrowing under the authority of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7 (9), or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the issuing of bonds and notes, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted unanimously: that the sum of \$25,000.00 be appropriated to the use of the Selectmen for the purchase of departmental equipment (voting equipment) and all incidental costs related thereto, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing inside the statutory debt limit under the authority of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7 (9), or any other enabling authority, to which end the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds or notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities, and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

ARTICLE 3: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease and/or license agreement with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and/or the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation and Construction for an indefinite term for the establishment of a rail trail along the Central Massachusetts Branch of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority rail line located in the Town of Weston, such agreement to provide that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be responsible for the permitting, design, and construction of the rail trail, and that the Town of Weston's responsibilities shall be limited to providing police, fire, and emergency rescue services and maintenance along the portion of the rail trail located in the Town of Weston; or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: *Before the motion under Article 3 was made the Moderator outlined the procedure for discussion of the article which was agreed upon by the organized groups of proponents and opponents of the motion. Under this procedure each group was given 40 minutes to present its respective case. Following these organized presentations, the floor was opened to other speakers, with a five minute limitation imposed on each speaker.*

Joseph Mullin **moved:** that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease and/or license agreement with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and/or the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation and Construction for an indefinite term for the establishment of a Rail Trail along the Central Massachusetts Branch of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority rail line located in the Town of Weston, such agreement to provide that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be responsible for the permitting, design, and construction of the Rail Trail and that the Town of Weston's responsibilities shall be limited to providing police, fire, and emergency rescue services and maintenance along the portion of the Rail Trail located in the Town of Weston, provided that the lease or license agreement shall include a provision that there will be no public access to the Rail Trail at Church Street, Conant Road, or Concord Road; and provided further that, in negotiating the lease or license agreement, the Board of Selectmen shall consider the following design and mitigation measures as recommended in the Final Report of the Weston Rail Trail Task Force:

1. No parking lot shall be constructed within the Town of Weston other than at one of the following three locations: (1) the MBTA proposed park and ride facility in the vicinity of Kendal Green, (2) the Massachusetts Broken Stone site, or (3) a residents only parking lot for approximately 25 cars located at the Town's transfer station site;
2. Handicapped accessible restrooms of sufficient size to accommodate all Trail users shall only be constructed at the parking lot location, if one is constructed:
3. The Board of Selectmen is directed to establish parking regulations as follows: public parking spaces in the Town Center will have a one hour time limit; this will apply to all parking on Boston Post Road east of Concord Road to the intersection with Route 20 and Wellesley Street, and the circle around the Town Green; there will be no public parking on Concord Road (from Boston Post Road north to Merriam Street) and Church Street (except for two parking places for patients of the dentist on Church Street) northeast from the Center to Route 117; parking along Boston Post Road west of Concord Road to the Route 20 intersection at Highland Street, as well as Warren Avenue, Warren Place, and Warren Lane shall be prohibited except for residents of those streets only, and their guests, from dawn to dusk; the Board of Selectmen may, after consultation with the Permanent Rail Trail Advisory Committee, adopt changes to traffic regulations in the Town Center as the need may arise;
4. Board of Selectmen is directed to make a request to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs that an environmental

impact report be prepared for the Rail Trail prior to design and construction;

5. The design and construction of the Rail Trail, including the trail surface, shall be subject to approval by the Town of Weston Conservation Commission pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Rivers Protection Act (Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40);
6. The public safety measures recommended in the Final Report of the Weston Rail Trail Task Force shall be implemented subject to any revisions thereto as the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Permanent Rail Trail Advisory Committee, may from time to time determine to be appropriate and in the best interests of the Town;
7. In negotiating with the state for the design of the Rail Trail, the Board of Selectmen shall, in consultation with the Permanent Rail Trail Advisory Committee, consider impacts to abutters, including safety and privacy;
8. The recommendations of the Weston Rail Trail Task Force with respect to the safety of equestrians at existing trail crossings and the establishment of a parallel bridal path shall be taken into consideration by the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Permanent Rail Trail Advisory Committee, in negotiating with the State for the design of the Rail Trail;
9. The Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to negotiate other mitigation measures, taking into consideration the recommendations contained in the Final Report of the Rail Trail Task Force and such other mitigation measures as the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Permanent Rail Trail Advisory Committee, may from time to time determine to be in the best interests of the Town;

And, that there is hereby created the Town of Weston Permanent Rail Trail Advisory Committee consisting of nine members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, which committee shall be charged with making ongoing recommendations to the Board of Selectmen with respect to the permitting, design, construction, and maintenance of the Rail Trail.

George Bates, of the Conservation Commission and Marillyn Zacharias of the Finance Committee stated that their respective committees had not taken any position relative to the motion.

Speaking for the proponents, John A. Fiske, Hugo Uyterhoven, William Wrean, and Kate Dewiler addressed concerns regarding the number of potential trail users, parking, costs and safety issues and outlined benefits the pro-

posed Rail Trail path would bring both to Weston and to the greater Boston community. They also outlined the detrimental effect of a negative vote. Robert Brown **moved to amend** Mr. Mullin's motion to delete the words "Church Street" and "Concord Road" from the first paragraph of the motion, thus allowing access to the trail at its intersection with those two streets. His motion was not accepted by Mr. Mullin. Mr. Brown also said that if the Town votes against the proposal it is very unlikely that any improvements will be made to the roadbed.

Speaking for the opponents, Leigh Michl, Lee Fernandez, Beth Fishman, Larry Nickerson, Donald Myers and Douglas Gillespie raised concerns about potentially large numbers of trail users; increased traffic in the town center, including parking problems; potential impact on conservation land and the issues concerning active *versus* recreation usage.

In the following open discussion Inge Engler and Joseph Gardella spoke against the motion, citing traffic concerns and the fact that we still don't have enough information on the potential impact of a bicycle path. Speaking in favor of the motion were Robin Strickman who described the very real dangers of biking on town streets and Kay McCahan who described the protection provided by the proposed parking restrictions and possible positive impact on property values.

Glenn Brewster moved the question. His motion to cut off debate passed by a vote of: Yes 1012 No 107.

Mr. Brown's **motion to amend** Mr. Mullin's motion was **defeated** by the following vote: Yes 291 No 587

Mr. Mullin's motion was **defeated** by the following vote:
 Yes: 410 No - 698

A motion to **adjourn** the Special Town meeting to Tuesday December 9, 1997, was made, seconded and adopted at 10:40 p.m.

ADJOURNED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING December 9, 1997

Pursuant to the warrant, Robert M. Buchanan, the Moderator, called the Adjourned Special Town Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Weston High School Auditorium.. The Moderator declared a quorum present.

The Moderator appointed the following tellers and swore them to their duties:

Janice Corley	Irvonne Moran
Ronald Corley	Louise Reed

ARTICLE 4: To appropriate money as available funds from 1996 Transportation Bond Issue for construction and reconstruction of Town roads, for purchase of equipment used for constructing and maintaining such roads and for such other purposes as may be permitted by applicable statutes, the amount of reimbursement determined by the Massachusetts Highway Department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to Chapter 113 of the Acts of 1996.

Voted: that the sum of \$357,689.00, be appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997 for construction and reconstruction of Town roads and for purchase of equipment used for constructing and maintaining such roads and for related work eligible under Memorandum of Agreement, dated August 1, 1997, with Massachusetts Highway Department, the amount so appropriated being subject to certification by the Massachusetts Commissioner of Revenue (Director of Accounts) as an available funds source pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 113 of the Acts of 1996.

ARTICLE 5: To appropriate money to the use of the Recreation Commission for the cost of architectural services for plans and specifications for a building for use by the Commission and the Council on Aging, and all incidental costs related thereto, the money to be raised by borrowing under the authority of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority and to authorize the issuing of bonds and notes, or take any other action relative thereto.

William Helms, Chairman of the Committee to Study Space Needs, **moved:** that the sum of \$95,000.00 be appropriated to the use of the Recreation Commission for the cost of architectural services for plans and specifications for a building for use by the Recreation Commission and all incidental costs related thereto, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of Chapter 44, Section 7 (21) and (22) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, to which end the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds or notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities, and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

Jonathan White of the Council on Aging stated that the COA concluded that it would be more cost effective to make some changes at their present location at Brook School and therefore had withdrawn from active participation in the proposed project.

Speaking in favor of the motion were Cornelia Newell of the Recreation Commission, Elizabeth Nichols of the Board of Selectmen and Vincent

Costantini of the Finance Committee. John Donnelly, an abutter to the site of the proposed project, opposed the motion because of his concerns about increased traffic at the Field School/Case House location. Judith Markland, David Harmon, Bernard Fine, Jeanne Saunders, Alan Orth, John Fiske and Joan Vernon discussed the costs, program issues, impact on abutters and philosophical ideas of Town Meeting and the role of Town Government.

A motion from the floor to close debate passed.

The main motion was **adopted** by the following vote: Yes 85 - No 11.

ARTICLE 6: To appropriate money to the use of the School Committee for engineering and architectural services for remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to The Country School and Woodland School and related elementary school facilities and for the cost of architectural services for plans and specifications for additions to The Country School and/or Woodland School and all incidental costs related thereto, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, or Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended, or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the issuing of bonds and notes.

Robert Anthony Nolan **moved:** that the sum of \$35,000.00 be appropriated to the use of the School Committee for engineering and architectural services for remodeling, reconstructing or making extraordinary repairs to The Country School and Woodland School and related elementary school facilities and for the cost of architectural services for plans and specifications for additions to The Country School and/or Woodland School, and all incidental costs related thereto, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of Chapter 44, Section 7 (21) and (22), of the General Laws or Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended, or any other enabling authority, to which end the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds or notes, of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities, and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

Vincent Costantini of the Finance Committee, David Harmon and David Fixler all spoke in favor of the motion. Mr. Harmon asked why the School Committee was not asking for a larger amount at this time. Mr. Nolan responded that this request is only for the funds to do the preliminary work for the project.

Mr. Nolan's motion **passed unanimously**.

ARTICLE 7: To appropriate money to the use of the Selectmen for the development, design, purchase and installation of computer hardware and other data processing equipment, the money so appropriated to be raised by the transfer of available funds and/or by borrowing under the authority of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the issuing of bonds and notes, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: that Article 7 be passed over and so disposed of.

ARTICLE 8: To appropriate money to the use of the Selectmen for the cost of purchasing the property known as the Kendal Green Railroad Station, including any or all of the associated land and improvements thereon or related thereto, for operation by the Town of a public parking lot to be used by persons utilizing the commuter rail service and for such other purposes as may be permitted by right or special permit, and to undertake such repair and improvement thereof as may be deemed necessary; the money so appropriated to be raised by the transfer of available funds and/or by borrowing under the Authority of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling Authority, and to authorize the issuing of bonds and notes, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: that Article 8 be passed over and so disposed of.

ARTICLE 9: To transfer the care, custody and control of the property described below for the purpose of conveyance and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell a parcel of land of the Town containing approximately 4,000 square feet located on the southwesterly side of North Avenue designated as parcel 13-129 on the Assessors' maps of the Town, together with the structure located thereon and partially in the layout of North Avenue and formerly designated for use as a fire station, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: that Article 9 be passed over and so disposed of.

ARTICLE 10: To accept the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E, which allows the Town, when making an appropriation for the annual operating costs of any agency, board, department or office of the Town, to provide that such costs may be offset, in part or in the aggregate, by the estimated receipts from the fees charged to users of the services provided by such agency, board, department or office, and further, to amend the appropriation voted for the use of the Weston Historical Commission at the 1997 Annual Town Meeting to add a sum of money to said appropriation by the transfer of available funds and to provide that the operating costs of the Weston Historical Commission

may be offset by the Historical Marker program charges collected as payment for the costs of research and production of historical markers displaying the construction date and original owner of eligible residences.

Voted: that the Town accept the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E, which allows the Town, when making an appropriation for the annual operating costs of any agency, board, department or office of the Town, to provide that such costs may be offset, in part or in the aggregate, by the estimated receipts from the fees charged to users of the services provided by such agency, board, department or office, and further move that the appropriation voted for the use of the Weston Historical Commission at the 1997 Annual Town Meeting be amended to add the sum of \$1,000.00 by transfer and appropriation from available funds (Free Cash) and that the operating costs of the Weston Historical Commission may be offset by the Historical Marker program charges collected as payment for the costs of research and production of historical markers displaying the construction data and original owner of eligible residences.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Weston Zoning By-law in order to establish interim zoning regulations with respect to personal wireless service facilities by:

Deleting Section V.A.3. in its entirety and by adding a new Section V. J. Interim Personal Wireless Service Facility Regulations, to read as follows:

V. J. Interim Personal Wireless Service Facility Regulations

1. Purpose and Definitions

In order to conform to its responsibilities under the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 in a manner consistent with the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the public, and the preservation of property values in the town, this interim Zoning By-law is adopted to temporarily govern the establishment of new or altered personal wireless service ("PWS") facilities in the town while the Town continues to review and analyze the range of land use and regulatory issues raised by the siting and construction of such facilities in view of the rapidly evolving nature of the underlying technology. The Town does not intend this By-law to prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting the provision of personal wireless this services in the town. For purposes of this By-law, the terms "personal wireless service" and "personal wireless service facility" shall have the same meaning as in The Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 USC § 332 (c) (7)(C).

2. Term of Interim Regulations

For a period of twenty-four months from the effective date of this By-Law, no building or special permit shall be issued for the placement, construction, erection or modification of any structure to provide for PWS facilities either as a principal use, or as an accessory use in excess of the height limitations contained in Section VI.E, except in a Personal Wireless Service Overlay District as set forth below in Section VI.J.3, or enclosed in a building or other structure, as it existed on December 8, 1997, which is used for either municipal purposes or religious purposes.

3. Personal Wireless Service Overlay Districts.

There shall be two Personal Wireless Service Overlay Districts. Personal Wireless Service Overlay District I ("PWSOD I") shall consist of the land designated on the Weston Assessors Maps as:

- Map # 53: Massachusetts Turnpike Authority land "ballfield," located east of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Riverside Road;
- Maps # 49 & 55: 668 South Avenue, Massachusetts State Police Barracks.
- Map # 27, Parcel # 74: Town of Weston Highway Department and Police Station;
- Maps # 20 & 21: West of Gun Club Lane along Boston & Maine Railroad right of way, Boston Edison Company.

Personal Wireless Service Overlay District II ("PWSOD II") shall consist of the land designated on the Weston Assessors Maps as:

- Map # 52, Parcel # 1: 134 South Avenue;
- Map # 41, Parcels # 38 & 39: 75 Norumbega Road, 85 Norumbega Road, 99 Norumbega Road, 101 Norumbega Road;
- Map # 49, Parcel # 33: 100 Brown Street, Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman Tennis Center, Inc.;

4. Special Permit

The Planning Board may, by special permit, authorize the placement, construction, erection or modification of:

- a. a free-standing PWS structure of up to 100 feet in height in PWSOD I only; or
- b. a PWS structure of up to 20 feet in height above the height of the building or other structure on which it is mounted in PWSOD I and II; or
- c. a PWS structure totally enclosed in a building or other structure used for either municipal or religious purposes and existing on December 8, 1997, provided that the Planning Board finds, in its

judgement, after soliciting and reviewing comments from other Town boards, departments, agencies, and their staff, that reasonable measures shall be or already have been taken to:

- (i) mitigate against negative impacts on visual quality affecting neighboring properties by incorporating reasonable design, siting and screening methods; and
- (ii) protect against potential damage to neighboring properties and streets from structural failure or collapse or from falling ice.

In making such findings, the Planning Board shall consider the extent to which the proposed PWS structure together with any related equipment (collectively the "PWS facility") meets the following criteria:

- 1) The PWS structure shall be located such that if it were to fall or collapse, it would fall or collapse entirely within the boundaries of the parcel on which it is to be located;
- 2) The PWS facility shall be sited, designed and constructed in such a manner that existing vegetation is preserved to the maximum extent practicable;
- 3) Any fencing proposed shall be screened by a landscape buffer of evergreen shrubs or trees planted along the exterior side of the fence, with a mature height at least equivalent to the fence height, and no such fencing shall be of razor wire or barbed wire;
- 4) Lighting shall be limited to that needed for emergencies and/or as required by the FAA;
- 5) To the extent technologically feasible, all network interconnections from the PWS facility shall be via land lines;
- 6) Lattice-style towers and PWS structures requiring three or more legs and/or guy wires for support are prohibited;
- 7) In PWSOD I, the total height of a free-standing PWS structure, including attached accessories, shall not exceed 100 feet in height as measured from the ground level at the base of the structure. In PWSOD I and PWSOD II, the height of a PWS structure mounted on a building or other structure shall not exceed 20 feet in height above the ridge line of the roof of the building on which it is mounted, or 20 feet in height above the top of the structure on which it is mounted if other than a building. In no event, however, shall the height of a mounted PWS structure in PWSOD I and PWSOD II exceed 100 feet as measured from the ground level at the base of the building or other structure on which it is mounted.

- 8) The PWS facility shall be designed to accommodate co-location of multiple users to the maximum extent technologically practicable in order to reduce the number of PWS facilities which will be required to be located in the Town.
 - 9) New PWS facilities will be considered only if existing or already approved facilities cannot accommodate the equipment planned for the new facility.
 - 10) The applicant shall demonstrate that the proposed technology is the safest and least obtrusive to the landscape currently available.
 - 11) A PWS structure which is proposed to be enclosed in a building or other structure used for municipal or religious purposes and existing as of December 8, 1997, shall be concealed from view and shall not significantly alter the exterior of the existing structure within which the PWS structure is to be enclosed.
- d. The Special Permit Application shall include a site plan meeting the requirements of Section XI of this By-law and the Planning Board's Site Plan Rules and Regulations to the extent applicable. In addition, the application shall include:
- (i) A photo or rendition of the proposed facility.
 - (ii) A report or reports prepared by professional engineers describing:
 - (a) the technical, economic and other reasons for the facility height, location and design;
 - (b) the capacity of the facility, including the number and type of transmitters and receivers it can accommodate and the basis for the calculation of the capacity;
 - (c) how the proposed facility complies with all applicable Federal and State standards;
 - (iii) Written official statements of compliance with, or exemption from, the regulations of all federal and state agencies governing personal wireless service facilities or uses, including but not limited to: the FAA, FCC, Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, and Massachusetts Department of Public Health;
- e. The applicant shall pay the reasonable costs for the Planning Board to have independent consultants review the application materials.
- f. The applicant shall provide a demonstration of the visual impact of the PWS facility proposed by floating a balloon at the height of the structure from the date of the special permit application submission through the date of the conclusion of the advertised public hearing.

Such balloon shall be of a size and color that can be seen for a distance of one mile.

- g. Special Permits authorized under this section shall be limited to an initial term of two years and shall be renewed every two years thereafter provided the special permit holder has filed with the Board annual certification demonstrating continuing compliance with the special permit and with applicable federal and state regulatory requirements.
- h. Any parts of the PWS facility which have not been used for one year shall be dismantled and removed at the owner's expense. The Planning Board may, as a condition of any special permit or renewal granted under this section, require the applicant or special permit holder to post a bond or other financial security with the Town Treasurer in an amount deemed sufficient to cover demolition and removal of the facilities in the event of discontinuance of use.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Roger Lee moved: to amend the Weston Zoning By-law in order to establish interim zoning regulations with respect to personal wireless service facilities by:

- A. Deleting Section V.A.3 of the Zoning By-law in its entirety; and
- B. By adding a new Section V.J. to read as printed in the Warrant, with the following corrections, changes and additions:
 1. In the second sentence of Section V.J.1, delete the word "this" between the words "wireless and "services".
 2. In the sixth line of Section V.J.2, change "VI.J.3" to "V.J.3".
 3. In Section V.J.4.c, add the following criterion (12) to read as follows:
(12) The PWS facility shall be sited and designed in a manner which minimizes its visibility from neighboring residences and streets:
 4. In Section V.J.4.c.(i), add the phrase "and streets" between the word "properties" and the phrase "by incorporating."
 5. In Section V.J.4.c, add the following sentence after the last listed criterion:
The Planning Board may waive strict compliance with any of the above-listed criteria, except the height limitations, provided it determines that such waiver would not derogate from the intent of these Interim Regulations.

6. Change the first sentence in Section V.J.4.f. to read:

The applicant seeking special permit for a PWS facility shall provide a demonstration of the visual impact of the proposed PWS structure, on the proposed site to the height of the proposed structure for such period of time as the Planning Board determines to be necessary.

7. Change Section V.J.4.d.(i) to read as follows:

A rendering, model or similar, to-scale representation, accurately depicting the proposed facility within the context of the site on which it is to be located and the surrounding area;

David Whitehouse, Jean Thurston, Peter Whittenberger, Joseph Sieber, Vincent Costantini, Joseph Mullin and Glenn Herb discussed the parameters of the proposed bylaw.

Glenn Herb **moved to amend** the motion by deleting the first two permitted locations in the second paragraph of V.J. (3) of the proposed bylaw. Mr. Lee did not accept the proposed amendment.

The following letter from the Planning Board was submitted to the Moderator:

December 8, 1997

Mr. Robert Buchanan, Town Moderator
Weston Town Hall
Weston, MA 02193

Re: Report of the Weston Planning Board regarding Article 11 of the Warrant for Special Town Meeting, December 8, 1997, an amendment to establish interim personal wireless service facility regulations in the Zoning By-law.

Dear Mr. Buchanan:

Pursuant to Chapter 40A, Section 5 MGL, the Weston Planning Board submits its Report and Recommendation to the Town Moderator and the Town Meeting concerning the above referenced warrant article.

A Public Hearing on the proposed zoning amendment was held on November 25, 1997 and December 3, 1997.

As a result of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, an improvement in the technology by the telecommunications industry, and a greater demand for services by the general public, telecommunications carriers are requesting the establishment of cell sites in most cities and towns across the country.

According to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, municipal governments cannot prohibit the establishment of cell sites for personal wireless service communication facilities, however, they can control the location, height and to some extent appearance, of the facilities. Imposition of procedural requirements on the telecommunications carriers is also permissible. The Weston Zoning Bylaw did

not address personal wireless service facilities. A six month moratorium was established at the May 1997 Annual Town Meeting in order to study the issue. The proposed amendment to the By-law is a result of our study of the issues dealing with personal wireless service facilities.

The zoning regulations that are proposed are interim. They are effective for a period of 24 months. The Board deliberately drafted these regulations as interim, due to the rapidly evolving nature of the technology, and the need for future revision.

The Board has proposed two overlay districts; Personal Wireless Service Facilities District I (PWSOD I) with 4 proposed sites and Personal Wireless Facilities District II (PWSOD II) with 3 proposed sites. Criteria used to select locations in these overlay districts were: 1. Areas that had some separation from existing residential neighborhoods; 2. Institutional buildings that were located on or near major highways; 3. Sites that contained existing personal wireless communication facilities that could be upgraded or contain existing structures that could be used to mount antennae.

PWSOD I allows construction of a free-standing PWS structures up to 100 feet in height or mounted on an existing structure in 4 locations which include: 1. The Massachusetts Turnpike Authority land east of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company on River Road; The Massachusetts State Police Barracks on the Massachusetts Turnpike in Weston; The Town of Weston highway Department; Along the Boston and Maine Right of Way, west of Gun Club Lane to the Wayland Town line.

PWSOD II allows mounted antennae up to 20 feet above the height of a building or other structure at: 134 South Avenue, Gateway Medical Building; Norumbega Point at Weston, Norumbega Road; Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman Tennis Facility, 100 Brown Street.

In addition, the Board has recommend that a PWS could be placed in an existing structure used for religious or municipal purposes provided that it is totally enclosed within the structure, such as a steeple in a church.

Every PWS facility is subject to a Special Permit, there is no By-Right usage. The Planning Board is the Special Permit Granting Authority for PWS facilities. Performance standards are set out in the Zoning Amendment. Site Plan Approval regulations will apply along with new regulations for PWS facilities.

On December 3, 1997 The Planning Board voted 4:0 to recommend adoption of this amendment to Town Meeting.

By: Weston Planning Board

S/Alfred L. Aydelott

S/Kathy Detweiler

S/Pamela Fox

Mr. Herb's **motion to amend** was **defeated** by the following vote:
Yes 34 No 60

Mr. Lee's motion **passed unanimously**.

ARTICLE 12: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept on behalf of the Town a covenant from the owner of the parcel of land described in Article 13 of this warrant relating to the proposal to rezone said parcel from Residence-District B to Business-District B on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen determine are advisable, or take any other action relative thereto.

Voted: that Article 12 be passed over and so disposed of.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town of Weston will vote to amend the existing Zoning Map of the Town of Weston by removing the parcel known as 152 Boston Post Road, as shown on the Tax Assessors Map for the Town of Weston on Map 29 Parcel No. 9, and upon which parcel is currently situated a business known as the Weston Veterinary Clinic, from Residence - District B and establishing the same as Business - District B: (see legal description of property attached hereto and incorporated herein)

the land situated on the Southerly side of Boston Post Road, in Weston, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lots B and C on the plan entitled, "Plan of land in Weston, Mass., Property of Joseph F. & Georgiana T. Sherman," dated March 29, 1947 by Charles H. Connors, C.E., which plan is recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 650 of 1947 in Book 7133, Page 363 and said lots, according to said plan, are together bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY	by Boston Post Road, two hundred ten (210 feet)
SOUTHEASTERLY	by land now or formerly of the City of Cambridge, four hundred fifty-nine and 54/100 (459.54) feet;
SOUTHWESTERLY	by land now or formerly of Edward S. Hobbs et ux, one hundred nineteen and 45/100 (119.45) feet; and
WESTERLY	by Lot A on said plan, three hundred thirty-eight and 55/100 (338.55) feet.

Said lots together contain 59,401 square feet of land, according to said plan.

Submitted by petition.

Voted: that Article 13 be passed over and so disposed of.

A motion to **dissolve** the Special Town Meeting was made, seconded and adopted at 10:19 p.m.

FINANCIAL

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Weston's total budgeted cost of Town services for Fiscal Year 1998, including debt service but before state charges and county assessments, was \$34,603,921; this represents an increase of 7.20% over the prior fiscal year. This final budget cost was arrived at following the defeat of a \$450,000 override of Proposition 2 ½ at Annual Town Meeting. Table I at the end of this report compares the major categories of the Fiscal Year 1998 budget with corresponding figures for Fiscal Year 1997. Table II provides an analysis of increases over the prior year.

The Finance Committee, a nine-member board of Weston residents appointed by the Town Moderator to confer with the Selectmen and other Town officials and to make recommendations concerning the Town's financial attributes and proposed expenditures, had recommended the budget as originally proposed by the Board of Selectmen to the voters of \$35,053,971. This was because, in the opinion of the Finance Committee, the financial condition of the Town was, and remains strong, and the expenditures as originally proposed seemed overall to be appropriate and justified. Nevertheless, the override that would have sustained this budget failed to win voter support. Although there was, and continues to be, speculation as to why the override was defeated -- the first time in the history of the Town since the inception of Proposition 2 ½ -- the Finance Committee is generally of the opinion that the voters were simply not persuaded of the merits of all of the spending proposals; the defeat was not seen as a harbinger of drastic spending curtailment, but rather, as a clear statement by the voters that in the absence of good justification for spending proposals, the proposals would not be supported.

A few factors tending to drive Town spending well ahead of the current rate of inflation bear mention:

Schools, which comprise slightly over half of Town spending (when fringe benefits for School personnel are included) experienced significant increases in enrollment; at the same time they faced increased financial pressures due to unfunded mandates including special education services and Time and Learning implementation, and other expenditures associated with collective bargaining, much-needed curriculum updates, new technologies and information systems, and rebuilding and remodeling of school facilities.

On the non-school side, progress was made in addressing the much-neglected infrastructure and buildings that house Town functions. As plans go forward, particularly with respect to capital spending in connection with Town Hall, the old library building, the highway garage, and other facilities, costs associated with such replacement, remodeling, repair and maintenance continue to go up.

As the economy has improved and considerable new growth has occurred within the Town, the demand for increased services -- from ambulance and traffic control, to increased library service, prompt snow removal, drainage repair, etc. -- grew, and will continue to grow. New homes, many of which are costly and which are assessed accordingly, bring in new tax revenue, but they seldom appear to house voters who are inclined to compromise their desires for Town services in order to attain tax relief.

And finally, it must be noted that close to 80% of the operating budget comprises the cost of compensation and benefits for the people who work for Weston, and increases are determined largely through collective bargaining. While "hard bargaining" might have moderated some of the overall increase in this expenditure, there seems to be little appetite in the Town to bear with the unpleasantness and disruptions that inevitably would have occurred had the Town leaders taken this stance with our unions.

On the positive side, the Town's financial health is robust. Total outstanding debt on December 31, 1997 was \$29,375,000, which is 1.46% of the most recently certified equalized valuation of the Town and well below the statutory limit of 5%. As of the beginning of Fiscal Year 1998 (July 1, 1997) Weston's revenue reserves, commonly referred to as "free cash," were certified to be \$1,771,707. This new certification followed the use of \$650,000 of "free cash" along with \$400,000 from overlay reserves and the remaining balance of \$100,000 from the Library Construction grant (a total of \$1,150,000) to reduce the tax rate for fiscal 1998.

The Finance Committee recognizes the need for attaining moderation in the rate of increase in the tax rate if Weston is to retain the population range that helps make up its character. To that end, fees for discretionary Town services such as Recreation and rubbish disposal will continue to comprise an important element of budgetary planning. Overall, maintaining fiscal restraint can be expected to be a continuing challenge.

TABLE I
FISCAL YEAR 1998 COMPARISONS TO FISCAL YEAR 1997

	FY98 Budget	Vs total	\$ Inc Vs FY97	% Inc Vs FY97	FY97 Budget
Schools	16,203,645	48.81%	1,217,950	8.13%	14,985,695
General Government	1,379,189	4.15%	(26,922)	-1.91%	1,406,111
WrkCmp, GrpHlth, Ret, Unemp, Med	3,680,376	11.09%	119,543	3.36%	3,560,833
Other Insurances	177,287	0.53%	16,487	10.25%	160,800
Unclassified	223,116	0.67%	(32)	-0.01%	223,148
Total General Govt and Unclassified	5,459,968	16.45%	109,076	2.04%	5,350,892
Police Department	2,075,298	6.25%	152,858	7.95%	1,922,440
Fire Department	1,935,050	5.83%	70,227	3.77%	1,864,823
Other Protection of Persons & Property	148,632	0.45%	4,030	2.79%	144,602
Total Protection of Persons & Property	4,158,980	12.53%	227,115	5.78%	3,931,865
Public Works	220,615	0.66%	167,058	311.93%	53,557
Highways & Bridges	225,700	0.68%	(262,842)	-53.80%	488,542
Solid Waste Disposal	507,880	1.53%	11,176	2.25%	496,704
Water Department	606,512	1.83%	(31,943)	-5.00%	638,455
Parks & Cemeteries	18,650	0.06%	(5,500)	-22.77%	24,150
Street Lighting	106,315	0.32%	1,260	1.20%	105,055
Total Public Works	1,685,672	5.08%	(120,791)	-6.69%	1,806,463
Health & Sanitation	135,693	0.41%	5,504	4.23%	130,189
Human Services	135,789	0.41%	13,529	11.07%	122,260
Conservation and Historical	114,600	0.35%	17,360	17.85%	97,240
Library	747,499	2.25%	37,055	5.22%	710,444
Recreation	704,545	2.12%	38,813	5.83%	665,732
Voc. Reg. School Dist.	113,218	0.34%	77,269	214.94%	35,949
Total Town Departments	29,459,609	88.75%	1,622,880	5.83%	27,836,729
Overlay	250,000	0.75%	(11,375)	-4.35%	261,375
Total Debt Service	3,177,552	9.57%	394,076	14.16%	2,783,476
Memo-Nonexempt Debt Service	617,087	1.86%	226,447	57.97%	390,640
Separate Articles(Facilities)	10,000	0.03%	8,000	400.00%	2,000
Total Town Charges	32,897,161	99.10%	2,013,581	6.52%	30,883,580
State Charges	244,367	0.74%	5,960	2.50%	238,407
County Charges	53,229	0.16%	1,298	2.50%	51,931
Total Charges	33,194,757	100.00%	2,020,839	6.48%	31,173,918
Levy Used Under Levy Limit	24,532,780	70.29%	1,325,379	5.71%	23,207,401
Exempt Debt Service	2,560,465	7.34%	167,629	7.01%	2,392,836
Tax Levy	27,093,245	77.63%	1,493,008	5.83%	25,600,237
Other Receipts	6,658,322	19.08%	439,140	7.06%	6,219,182
From Free Cash & Other Sources	1,150,000	3.29%	400,000	53.33%	750,000
Total Receipts	34,901,567	100.00%	2,332,148	7.16%	32,569,419

**TABLE II - FISCAL YEAR 1998 BUDGET
ANALYSIS OF CHANGES FROM PRIOR BUDGET**

	Amount of Increase or (Decrease)	Percentage Share of Total Increase
Expenditures		
Salaries of Town employees		
Subject to collective bargaining	599,219	25.69%
School Time & Learning-Unfunded State Mandate	128,890	5.53%
New School Programs	69,165	2.97%
Increase in Special Education Services	55,635	2.39%
School Instructional Technology Initiative	37,595	1.61%
Add Office Clerk in DPW	25,605	1.10%
Add Assistant Assessor	21,455	0.92%
Board of Health Restructuring	18,131	0.78%
Increase hours for Town Accountant	14,971	0.64%
Increase hours for Secretary to Council on Aging	7,830	0.34%
Increase hours for Town Planner	7,725	0.33%
Net Reduction in DPW Personnel	(25,447)	-1.09%
Other increases, net	105,513.99	0.05
	1,066,288	45.72%
and other benefits	98,643	4.23%
Increase in Town personnel costs	1,164,931	49.95%
Debt Service	394,076	16.90%
School Instructional Technology Initiative	176,700	7.58%
New School Programs	87,035	3.73%
Police Equipment & Apparatus	85,924	3.68%
Minuteman Regional Voc Tech School District	77,269	3.31%
Public Works Equipment	73,850	3.17%
Special Education	71,010	3.04%
School Time & Learning-Unfunded State Mandate	53,850	2.31%
Drainage	50,000	2.14%
Reimbursement Damages to Police Personnel	20,000	0.86%
Fire Equipment & Apparatus	17,025	0.73%
Planning Board - Professional & Consulting	17,000	0.73%
Facilities Maintenance	(80,000)	-3.43%
Monitoring Groundwater - Landfill	(40,000)	-1.72%
Other Town spending, net	163,478	7.01%
Total Increase in Expenditures	\$ 2,332,148	100.00%
Revenues		
Tax levy on real property	1,493,008	64.02%
Use of Free Cash and Overlay Reserve	400,000	17.15%
Net Cherry Sheet Aid	145,000	6.22%
Water Charges	100,000	4.29%
Trash Disposal Fees	40,000	1.72%
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	35,000	1.50%
Investment Income	35,000	1.50%
Licenses & Permits	20,000	0.86%
Recreation Fees	20,000	0.86%
Other Departmental Revenue	20,000	0.86%
Brook School Rentals	10,000	0.43%
Fines and Forfeits	10,000	0.43%
Payments in Lieu of Tax	4,140	0.18%
Net increase in revenues	\$ 2,332,148	100.00%

REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

The primary objective of the Treasurer and Collector's office is to assure that the financial resources are available to meet the operating and capital project expenses of the Town. Once the bills are paid, the Treasurer has an obligation to invest idle funds in approved investments. In 1997 we took a new approach to investing money sitting in certain accounts. Checking and miscellaneous accounts with funds earning a low rate of interest were swept into higher rate interest-bearing accounts backed by the 90-day treasury rate. While interest rates were steady compared to a year ago and our average invested balance fell by over \$3 million, we increased interest income with the help of this new approach by 1.40% over 1996 to \$317,754. This represents a 6.8% return on the average balance for the period from July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997. We continue to look for new ways of increasing our return on invested general fund money, while keeping safety and liquidity in mind.

Favorable interest rates continue to benefit the Town in terms of issuing debt. Low bids from willing buyers for short term notes offered by the Town ranged from 3.70% to 3.83% for a maturity of one year or less. At these rates the Town began financing major projects, such as the high school construction and reconstruction and a variety of equipment. It is interesting to note that long term borrowing rates were only about 75 basis points higher than short term notes in June, 1997, a trend experienced throughout the fiscal year and into the next. Long and short term rates are at a 20-year low and very attractive for financing the remainder of the High School project and commencing the remodeling of the Middle School slated to begin in FY98 or later.

With all applications of the new computer system in place and working, we experienced many new savings of time and effort in different aspects of our operation. The time needed to generate certain legal documents used in private real estate transactions has been cut by more than half. The time necessary to process taking title to property for nonpayment of real estate tax has been reduced from hours to minutes. In addition, printed forms used for various purposes are now generated directly from the computer, saving the Town the expense of purchasing the printed forms. We began direct deposit of employees' payroll checks early in fiscal 1998. In doing so, the Town realizes a savings in bank fees. With the new system we are able to transfer data from the Town's system to outside vendors for processing, something we could not do on the old system. As a result, a procedure that used to take two or three days can now be completed in less than a day with the aid of file transfers via modem. In addition, the transfer and manipulation of data in the office has improved the effectiveness of our operation.

This has been an outstanding year for the Treasurer and Collector's office. We look forward to continued success in the year to come.

CASH RECEIPTS - FISCAL YEAR 1997

<u>CASH BALANCE - JUNE 30, 1996</u>	\$	7,306,658.58
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RECEIPTS

<u>PROPERTY TAX</u>	25,534,490.31	
<u>MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE</u>	1,517,340.18	\$ 27,051,830.49

<u>MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATES</u>	14,035.00	\$ 14,035.00
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INTEREST AND CHARGES

General Fund Interest	379,237.31	
Interest - Late Tax Payments	150,874.47	
Charges on Late Tax Payments	4,734.78	
Other Miscellaneous Charges	1,823.76	\$ 536,670.32

DEPARTMENTAL FEES

Transfer Facility Permits	309,182.21	
Pay Telephone Proceeds	1,232.90	
Assessors Maps	500.00	
Dog Offices Fees	842.00	
Town Clerk Fees	12,541.97	
Board of Appeals Filing Fees	3,337.52	
Planning Board Filing Fees-Plans	2,000.00	
Planning Board Filing Fees-Other	9,000.95	
Brook School Laundry Room	1,247.00	
Police Miscellaneous	24,363.04	
Fire	920.50	
Ambulance Services	90,795.35	
Ambulance Services-MTA	18,998.98	
School-Book Replacement	4,690.22	
School-Transportation	25,676.93	
Dept. of Public Works Private Ways	1,387.48	
Transfer Facility Recycling	10,247.36	
Cemetery Interments	31,825.00	
Cemetery Foundations	5,420.00	
Board of Health Flu Shot	638.00	
Conservation Commission Filing Fee	3,054.50	
School Tuition	5,535.76	
Conservation Commission Fire Wood	420.00	
Conservation Commission Garden Rental	660.00	
Recreation Programs	246,940.50	\$ 811,458.17

DEPARTMENTAL RENTAL AND RECEIVABLES

Library Community Room Rental	6,005.00	
Town Hall Rental	1,260.17	
Town Dwellings Rental	13,340.00	
Josiah Smith Tavern Rental	235.00	
Brook School Apt. Rental	209,356.70	

Brook School Apt. HUD	331,261.59		
<i>Federal Money</i>			
School Facility Rental	29,449.00		
Conservation-Melone House	4,788.00	\$	595,695.46

DEPARTMENTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

Selectmen	72,754.53		
Assessor	180.00		
Treasurer	382.29		
Town Clerk	121.48		
Brook School	1,000.00		
Police	1,522.62		
Fire	858.10		
School	125.00		
Board of Health	1,124.40		
Library	48,950.79		
Recreation self-supporting Programs	289,066.39	\$	416,085.60

LICENSES

Fish & Game	676.75		
Victuallers	15.00		
Town Clerk	1,772.35	\$	2,464.10

PERMITS

Firearm	475.00		
Building	122,243.00		
Wire	27,634.00		
Gas	15,530.00		
Sealer of Weights	396.00		
Board of Health	11,135.00		
Board of Health Septic System	31,096.00		
Cable	1,291.50		
Raffle	70.00	\$	209,870.50

STATE REVENUE AND REIMBURSEMENTS

Veteran Abatements	2,450.00		
Surviving Spouse Abatements	700.00		
Blind Abatement	1,575.00		
Elderly Abatement	5,528.00		
Chapter 70 Cherry Sheet	595,883.00		
School Transportation Cherry Sheet	259,211.00		
Lottery	281,056.00		
Highway Fund Cherry Sheet	13,277.00	\$	1,159,680.00

COURT FINES AND OTHER FINES

Court	40,967.50		
RMV Mark Removal	8,810.00		

Parking Clerk	3,520.00		
Library	16,718.77	\$	70,016.27

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

Miscellaneous	120.60		
Sale of Town Equipment	1,836.00		
Sale of Town Equipment - Highway	12,622.39	\$	14,578.99

WATER CHARGES

Rates	800,160.62		
Labor and Material	77,188.64		
Water Connections	51,000.00		
Hydrant Rental	185,976.00		
Warren Avenue Rent	7,128.00	\$	1,121,453.26

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES STATE/FEDERAL

October 96 Flood Fed. Reimbursement	19,095.00		
October 96 Flood State Reimbursement	3,183.00		
Premium on Sale of Bonds	7,705.95		
School Building Assistance	77,405.00	\$	107,388.95

DUE TO OTHER AGENCIES

Petty Cash	2,595.00		
Off Duty Work Details	270,474.57		
Treasurer	7,641.22		
County Dog Licenses	3,547.50		
Fish & Game Licenses	3,014.25		
Sweep Private Ways	1,140.00		
Brook School Security Deposits	5,042.36		
Sanderson Lane Water Installation	62,895.00		
Sanderson Lane Water Material	26,683.00		
Coburn Road Water Installation	18,529.00		
Lanes End Ways and Means Security	23,317.11		
Refuse Site Escrow Income	789.75		
Engineering Reviews 593 Accounts	59,553.41		
Winter Gardens Water Installation	109,573.61		
Winter Garden Water Materials	43,455.87		
Health Premium Direct Pays	252,514.41		
Life Insurance Direct Pays	558.89		
Disability Insurance Direct Pays	239.62		
Unclaimed Checks	2,428.56		
Borrowing In Anticipation of Tax	2,500,000.00		

Refund to Health Claim Trust	76,745.71		
Refunds	7,658.92		
Payroll Deductions	<u>1,270,682.30</u>	\$	4,749,080.06

*Due to change in accounting, this amount does not
reflect the actual receipts from payroll deductions*

<u>HIGHWAY CHAPTER 90</u>	<u>390,155.21</u>	\$	390,155.21
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SCHOOL LUNCH RECEIPTS REVOLVING

FEDERAL SHARE	12,407.98		
STATE SHARE	24,032.92		
PARTICIPANTS SHARE	<u>367,716.20</u>	\$	404,157.10

GRANTS: FEDERAL AND STATE

Metco	511,047.00		
Special Ed Metco	110,040.00		
Title VI	10,548.00		
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT	24,240.00		
Idea Preschool	24,288.00		
Fed. Health Ed. Smoke Cessation	31,518.00		
Curriculum Frameworks	2,756.00		
Special Ed Metco	24,288.00		
Mass Science & Math	13,681.00		
Drug Free School	15,458.00		
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT	<u>12,060.00</u>	\$	779,924.00

SCHOOL GIFTS AND REVOLVING ACCOUNTS

Athletics	45,980.46		
Metco Transportation Gifts	200.00		
School Miscellaneous	21,906.02		
Adult Education	5,300.00		
Secondary Enrichment	<u>5,455.00</u>	\$	78,841.48

RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

County Dog License	3,546.07		
Conservation Notice of Intent	2,925.50		
Sale of Cemetery Lots	31,500.00		
Well Settlement Litigation	<u>70,389.52</u>	\$	108,361.09

STATE GRANTS TO THE TOWN

Cultural Council	3,279.87		
Polling	1,765.00		
LIBRARY TITLE I	1,259.00		
Library Metrowest Rep System	46,000.00		
Library Title III	8,222.00		
Library Municipal Equalization	14,361.32		
Fire-School Safety	3,000.00		

Community Policing	9,500.00		
Police Career Incentive	112,250.00	\$	199,637.19
<u>MASS WATER RESOURCES GRANTS</u>			
Fire Dept. Liaison	8,000.00		
Water Contingency	30,000.00		
Tree Replacement	30,000.00	\$	68,000.00
<u>OTHER GRANTS TO THE TOWN</u>			
COA Weston Suburban Elderly Service	7,452.00		
Special Law Enforcement	1,040.00	\$	8,492.00
<u>TOWN GIFTS AND REVOLVING ACCOUNTS</u>			
Police Computer	100.00		
COA Transportation	16,141.75		
COA Miscellaneous	7,195.00		
COA Programs	3,164.40		
LIBRARY	10,975.32		
Library Material Replacement	3,239.16		
New Library Misc.	1,000.00		
New Library Construction	5,064.00		
Recreation Concert	4,000.00		
Insurance Recovery	10,465.60		
Workers Comp	32,956.10	\$	94,301.33
<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>			
Short Term Borrowing - BANs	11,520,000.00	\$	11,520,000.00
<u>TRUST FUNDS - INCOME</u>			
Consolidated Trust Funds	74,543.25		
Josiah Smith Tavern Fund	6,508.70		
Public School Fund	4,553.70		
Noyes Library Fund	51,801.12		
Naughton Scholarship Fund	637.50		
Rosamond Sears Library Fund	15,140.32		
Gladwell Library Fund	2,036.90		
Weston Ed Enrichment Fund	111,499.32		
Ben Sandalls Memorial Fund	10,781.50	\$	277,502.31
<u>CHANGES IN TRUST FUND ASSETS</u>			
	1,420,809.66	\$	1,420,809.66
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>			
	52,210,488.54	\$	52,210,488.54
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
		\$	51,562,114.76
<u>CASH BALANCE - JUNE 30, 1997</u>			
		\$	7,955,032.36

BANK BALANCES

NON-INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS

Baybank - Central Deposit	43,540.15		
Returned Checks	5,871.79	\$	49,411.94

INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS

BankBoston-Brook School	16,483.46		
BankBoston-Money Market	89,535.34		
Boston Safe-Money Market	509,927.16		
Fleet Bank-Money Market	15,742.95		
State Street Bank	10,596.38		
Government Agencies	1,244,697.22	\$	1,886,982.51

POOLED INVESTMENTS

MMDT-General Fund	5,648,298.77		
MMDT-Brook School Maintenance	72,023.62		
MMDT-Con. Tr. Funds Income	226,744.75		
MMDT-Arts Lottery Fund	5,394.24		
MMDT-593 Account (CH44, S.53G)	66,176.53	\$	6,018,637.91

BANK BALANCES - JUNE 30, 1997

\$ 7,955,032.36

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS

The three elected Commissioners of Trust Funds are responsible for the investment of securities held in the following funds:

Consolidated Trust Funds
Well Litigation Settlement Trust Fund
Weston Public Schools Fund
Josiah Smith Tavern Trust Fund
Noyes Library Trust Fund
Ben Sandalls Memorial Fund
Joseph Mathias Naughton Scholarship Fund
Rosamond Sears Library Fund
Gladwell Library Fund

The securities held in each of the funds as of December 31, 1997 and priced as of that date are set out below. The principal values of the nine funds totaled \$ 8,196,719 at the end of 1997, compared to \$6,713,089 at the end of 1996. There was \$ 405,393 of unexpended income in the nine funds at year-end 1997.

The stock market, as measured by the S&P 500 stock average, continued the strong price appreciation of the preceding two years. Expressed in cumulative annual increments, the level of U.S. stock prices has risen an average of more than 17.2% per year since the end of 1990. It is unlikely that such a rate of price expansion will continue.

The Commissioners have continued the investment philosophy of prior years: to keep the stock portion of the various trust fund portfolios fully invested in the common shares of outstanding companies which show a capacity for sustained earnings growth. The Commissioners expect that these companies as a group should be able to maintain their superior growth characteristics in the year to come and beyond. In time, the earnings growth of such companies should be reflected in the market value of their common shares.

CONSOLIDATED TRUST FUNDS INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1997

SAVINGS			COST	MARKET PRICE (\$)	VALUE	% of PORTFOLIO	EST RATE (\$)	INCOME
Mass. Municipal Depository Trust Fund			\$ 53,784		\$ 53,784	2.37%	4.60	\$ 2,474
BONDS:								
25,000 Am Tel & Tel 4 3/4%	06/01/98		21,031	98.00	24,500	1.08%	4.75	1,188
45,000 U.S. Treasury 5.625%	01/31/98		44,558	99.30	44,685	1.97%	5.63	2,531
70,000 U.S. Treasury 6.375%	07/15/99		70,183	100.31	70,217	3.09%	6.38	4,463
70,000 U.S. Treasury 5.50%	04/15/00		71,611	99.18	69,426	3.06%	5.50	3,850
40,000 U.S. Treasury 8%	05/15/01		39,553	106.28	42,512	1.87%	8.00	3,200
30,000 U.S. Treasury 6.25%	10/15/01		30,426	101.22	30,366	1.34%	6.25	1,875
75,000 U.S. Treasury 7.5%	05/15/02		74,908	106.22	79,665	3.51%	7.50	5,625
70,000 U.S. Treasury 6.25%	02/15/03		71,202	102.07	71,449	3.15%	6.50	4,550
70,000 U.S. Treasury 5.875%	02/15/04		66,772	100.27	70,189	3.09%	5.88	4,116
35,000 U.S. Treasury 6.5%	05/15/05		34,990	104.07	36,425	1.61%	5.63	1,969
35,000 Indiana Bell 4 3/4%	10/01/05		24,500	89.75	31,413	1.38%	4.75	1,663
45,000 U.S. Treasury 5 5/8%	02/15/06		42,647	98.28	44,226	1.95%	5.63	2,531
25,000 Ill Bell Tel 7 5/8% (IBT-RA)	04/01/06		25,119	99.63	24,906	1.10%	7.63	1,906
70,000 U.S. Treasury 6.25%	02/15/07		69,424	103.06	72,142	3.18%	6.25	4,375
2,000 Southwestern Bell 6.75%	06/01/08		2,000	100.63	2,000	0.09%	6.75	135
TOTAL BONDS			\$ 688,924		\$ 714,120	31.47%		\$ 43,976
COMMON STOCK								
INDUSTRIAL								
Electrical Components								
1,200 Emerson Electric			11,618	56.44	67,725	2.98%	1.18	1,416
CONSUMER NON-CYCICAL								
Beverages								
4,000 Coca Cola			7,603	66.69	266,750	11.76%	0.56	2,240
1,400 PepsiCo			20,218	36.25	50,750	2.24%	0.50	700

	<u>COST</u>	<u>MARKET PRICE (\$)</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>% of PORTFOLIO</u>	<u>EST RATE (\$)</u>	<u>INCOME</u>
<i>Cosmetics/Personal Care</i>						
1,000 Gillette	30,631	100.44	100,438	4.43%	0.86	860
600 International Flavors & Fragrances	29,100	51.50	30,900	1.36%	1.48	888
<i>Food</i>						
2,000 Kellogg	7,990	49.63	99,250	4.37%	0.90	1,800
<i>Health Care</i>						
1000 Abbott Laboratories	32,405	65.50	65,500	2.89%	1.08	1,080
2,000 Johnson & Johnson	39,502	65.88	131,750	5.81%	0.88	1,760
1,800 Merck	9,290	106.00	190,800	8.41%	1.80	3,240
<i>Household Products (non-durable)</i>						
1,600 Procter & Gamble	10,931	79.81	127,700	5.63%	1.01	1,616
<i>TECHNOLOGY</i>						
<i>Diversified Technology</i>						
500 Electronic Data Systems	23,949	43.94	21,969	0.97%	0.60	300
400 Hewlett Packard	21,790	62.38	24,950	1.10%	0.56	224
800 Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing	15,940	82.06	65,650	2.89%	2.12	1,696
400 Motorola	28,301	57.19	22,875	1.01%	0.48	192
500 Lucent Technologies	22,593	79.88	39,940	1.76%	0.30	150
<i>UTILITIES</i>						
<i>Telephone Systems</i>						
700 AT&T	18,125	61.31	42,919	1.89%	1.32	924
400 Ameritech	8,916	80.50	32,200	1.42%	2.40	960
500 GTE	16,537	52.25	26,125	1.15%	1.88	940
<i>CONGLOMERATES</i>						
2,000 General Electric	21,029	73.38	146,750	6.47%	1.20	2,400
<i>TOTAL COMMON STOCK</i>	\$ 376,467		\$ 1,554,940	68.53%		\$ 23,386
<i>TOTAL PRINCIPAL Income</i>	\$ 1,065,391		\$ 2,269,060	100.00%		\$ 67,362
<i>TOTAL ACCOUNT</i>	244,312		244,312		4.60	11,238
	\$ 1,309,702		\$ 2,513,372			\$ 78,600

WESTON WELL DAMAGE FUND INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1997

SAVINGS	MARKET PRICE (\$)	COST	VALUE	% OF ESTIMATED		INCOME
				PORTFOLIO	RATE (%)	
Mass. Municipal Depository Trust Fund (10/21/97)	\$	15,738	\$	15,738	0.57%	4.60 \$ 724
BONDS						
90,000 U.S. Treasury 5.125%	11/30/98	89,999	99.16	89,244	3.21%	5.13 4,613
10,000 U.S. Treasury 6.375%	07/15/99	10,013	100.31	10,031	0.36%	6.38 638
50,000 U.S. Treasury 8%	08/15/99	49,065	103.16	51,580	1.86%	8.00 4,000
50,000 U.S. Treasury 6.375%	01/15/00	50,540	101.09	50,545	1.82%	6.38 3,188
40,000 U.S. Treasury 8.5%	02/15/00	40,133	105.17	42,068	1.51%	8.50 3,400
50,000 U.S. Treasury 7.75%	02/15/01	49,702	105.24	52,620	1.89%	7.75 3,875
40,000 U.S. Treasury 5.625%	02/28/01	39,411	99.23	39,692	1.43%	5.63 2,250
90,000 U.S. Treasury 6.375%	08/15/02	89,114	102.17	91,953	3.31%	6.38 5,738
80,000 U.S. Treasury 6.25%	02/15/03	80,620	102.07	81,656	2.94%	6.25 5,000
50,000 U.S. Treasury 7.25%	08/15/04	50,431	108.02	54,010	1.94%	7.25 3,625
40,000 U.S. Treasury 5.875%	02/15/04	38,919	100.27	40,108	1.44%	7.25 2,900
50,000 U.S. Treasury 7.5%	02/15/05	50,123	109.28	54,640	1.97%	7.50 3,750
30,000 U.S. Treasury 6.5%	05/15/05	30,000	104.07	31,221	1.12%	6.50 1,950
80,000 U.S. Treasury 5.625%	02/15/06	76,312	98.28	78,624	2.83%	5.63 4,500
80,000 U.S. Treasury 6.25%	02/15/07	79,375	103.06	82,448	2.97%	6.25 5,000
TOTAL BONDS		\$ 823,756		\$ 850,440	30.62%	\$ 54,425
COMMON STOCK						
INDUSTRIAL						
Electrical Components						
2,000 Emerson Electric		14,032	56.44	112,875	4.06%	1.18 2,360
CONSUMER NON-CYCLICAL						
Beverages						
4,200 Coca Cola		6,214	66.69	280,088	10.08%	0.56 2,352

Cosmetics/Personal Care

600 Gillette	19,043	100.44	60,263	2.17%	0.86	516
Food						
3,000 Kellogg						
Health Care						
4,000 Johnson & Johnson	14,591	65.88	263,500	9.49%	0.88	3,520
2,900 Merck	13,821	106.00	307,400	11.07%	1.80	5,220
Household Products (non-durable)						
3,280 Procter & Gamble	15,491	79.81	261,785	9.43%	1.01	3,313
TECHNOLOGY						
Diversified Technology						
800 Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing	16,467	82.03	65,621	2.36%	2.12	1,696
300 Motorola	24,011	57.19	17,156	0.62%	0.48	144
259 Lucent Technologies	11,673	79.88	20,688	0.74%	0.30	78
UTILITIES						
Telephone Systems						
800 AT&T	28,188	61.31	49,050	1.77%	1.32	1,056
400 Bell Atlantic	14,369	91.00	36,400	1.31%	3.08	1,232
CONGLOMERATES						
3,920 General Electric	14,631	73.38	287,630	10.36%	1.20	4,704
TOTAL COMMON STOCK	\$ 200,267		\$ 1,911,330	68.81%		\$ 28,891
TOTAL ACCOUNT	\$ 1,039,761		\$ 2,777,508	100.00%		\$ 84,039

Income is held outside of fund in Town's General Fund

JOSIAH SMITH TAVERN TRUST INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1997

<u>SAVINGS</u>		<u>COST</u>	<u>MARKET</u>		<u>VALUE</u>	<u>% OF</u>	<u>EST</u>		<u>INCOME</u>
	Mass. Municipal Depository Trust Fund	\$	PRICE (\$)			PORTFOLIO	RATE (\$)		
					\$	4.37%	4.60	\$	456
<u>BONDS (7/11/97)</u>									
20,000 U.S. Treasury 6.375%	7/15/99	20,021	100.31		20,062	8.84%	6.38		1,275
10,000 U.S. Treasury 8%	5/15/01	10,144	106.28		10,628	4.69%	8.00		800
10,000 U.S. Treasury 6.375%	8/15/02	9,938	102.17		10,217	4.50%	6.38		638
20,000 U.S. Treasury 7.25%	8/15/04	20,175	108.02		21,604	9.52%	7.25		1,450
<u>TOTAL BONDS</u>		\$		\$	62,511	27.56%		\$	4,163
<u>COMMON STOCKS</u>									
<u>CONSUMER NON-CYCICAL</u>									
<i>Beverages</i>									
600 PepsiCo		10,254	36.25		21,750	9.59%	0.50		300
<i>Cosmetics/Personal Care</i>									
200 Gillette		6,227	100.44		20,088	8.86%	0.86		172
100 Int'l Flavors & Fragrances		4,892	51.50		5,150	2.27%	1.48		148
<i>Household Products (Non-Durable)</i>									
400 Procter & Gamble		2,620	79.81		31,925	14.07%	1.01		404
<i>Health Care</i>									
200 Johnson & Johnson		10,309	65.88		13,175	5.81%	0.88		176
150 Merck		3,923	106.00		15,900	7.01%	1.80		270
<u>TECHNOLOGY</u>									
<i>Diversified Technology</i>									
280 Minnesota Mining		5,211	82.03		22,967	10.13%	2.12		594
<i>Software</i>									
200 Electronic Data Systems		9,654	43.94		8,788	3.87%	0.60		120
<u>CONGLOMERATES</u>									
200 General Electric		4,917	73.38		14,675	6.47%	1.20		240
<u>TOTAL COMMON STOCKS</u>		\$		\$	154,417	68.07%		\$	2,424
<u>TOTAL PRINCIPAL</u>									
Income (8/31/97)		128,196			226,838	100.00%			7,042
<u>TOTAL ACCOUNT</u>		\$		\$	31,221		4.60	\$	1,436
		159,417			258,059				8,478

WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS FUND
INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1997

SAVINGS		COST	MARKET PRICE (\$)	VALUE	% OF PORTFOLIO	EST. RATE (\$)	INCOME
Mass. Municipal Depository Trust Fund		\$ 8,763		\$ 8,763	5.55%	4.60%	\$ 403
<u>BONDS</u>							
10,000 U.S. Treasury 8.875%	02/15/99	9,850	103.13	10,313	6.54%	8.88	888
10,000 U.S. Treasury 5.75%	08/15/03	10,088	100.01	10,001	6.34%	5.69	569
10,000 U.S. Treasury 5.625%	02/15/06	9,180	98.28	9,828	6.23%	5.63	563
10,000 U.S. Treasury 6.25%	02/15/07	<u>9,780</u>	<u>103.06</u>	<u>10,306</u>	<u>6.53%</u>	<u>6.25</u>	<u>625</u>
TOTAL BONDS		\$ 38,898		\$ 40,448	25.64%		\$ 2,644
<u>COMMON STOCKS</u>							
<u>CONSUMER NON-CYCLICAL</u>							
<i>Beverages</i>							
200 Coca Cola		4,311	66.69	13,338	8.45%	0.56	112
<i>Food</i>							
400 Kellogg		1,602	49.63	19,850	12.58%	0.90	360
<i>Health Care</i>							
100 Abbott		4,392	65.50	6,550	4.15%	1.08	108
100 Johnson & Johnson		5,162	65.88	6,588	4.18%	0.88	88
<i>Household Products (non-durable)</i>							
200 Procter & Gamble Co.		8,706	79.81	15,963	10.12%	1.01	202
<u>TECHNOLOGY</u>							
<i>Communications</i>							
100 American Telephone		3,980	61.31	6,131	3.89%	1.32	132
<i>Diversified Technology</i>							
100 Motorola		6,094	57.19	5,719	3.62%	0.48	48
100 Lucent		5,017	79.88	8,007	5.08%	0.30	30
<i>Software</i>							
100 Electronic Data Systems		4,881	43.94	4,394	2.79%	0.60	60
<u>CONGLOMERATES</u>							
300 General Electric		<u>2,793</u>	<u>73.38</u>	<u>22,013</u>	<u>13.95%</u>	<u>1.20</u>	<u>360</u>
TOTAL COMMON STOCK		\$ 46,938		\$ 108,550	68.81%		\$ 1,500
<u>TOTAL PRINCIPAL</u>							
Income (8/31/97)		94,599		157,762	100.00%	4.60%	4,547
		11,480		11,480			528
TOTAL ACCOUNT		\$ 106,079		\$ 169,242			\$ 5,075

**NOYES LIBRARY TRUST FUND
INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1997**

<u>SAVINGS</u>		<u>MARKET</u>		<u>% OF</u>		<u>EST</u>	
		<u>COST</u>	<u>PRICE (\$)</u>	<u>PORTFOLIO</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>RATE (\$)</u>	<u>INCOME</u>
Mass. Municipal Depository Trust Fund		\$ 32,202	\$	1.83%	32,202	4.60	\$ 1,481
<u>BONDS</u>							
30,000 U.S. Treasury 9%	05/15/98	29,861	101.07		30,321	9.00	2,700
20,000 U.S. Treasury 6%	05/31/98	19,963	100.04		20,008	6.00	1,200
20,000 U.S. Treasury 5 1/2%	02/28/99	20,121	99.26		19,852	5.50	1,100
30,000 U.S. Treasury 8 7/8%	02/15/99	30,331	103.13		30,939	8.88	2,663
30,000 U.S. Treasury 8 1/2%	02/15/00	29,916	105.17		31,551	8.50	2,550
20,000 U.S. Treasury 5 1/2%	04/15/00	20,140	99.18		19,836	5.50	1,100
50,000 U.S. Treasury 7 3/4%	02/15/01	49,479	105.24		52,620	7.75	3,875
50,000 U.S. Treasury 7 1/2%	05/15/02	49,948	106.22		53,110	7.50	3,750
50,000 U.S. Treasury 6 1/4%	02/15/03	51,075	102.07		51,035	6.25	3,125
50,000 U.S. Treasury 5 7/8%	02/15/04	46,440	100.27		50,135	5.88	2,938
50,000 U.S. Treasury 6 1/2%	05/15/05	51,250	104.07		52,035	6.50	3,250
50,000 U.S. Treasury 5 5/8%	02/15/06	45,781	98.28		49,140	5.63	2,813
50,000 U.S. Treasury 6 1/4%	02/15/07	49,650	103.06		51,530	6.25	3,125
TOTAL BONDS		\$ 493,955	\$	29.09%	512,112	\$	34,188
<u>COMMON STOCK</u>							
<u>CONSUMER NON-CYCLICAL</u>							
<u>Beverages</u>							
3,200 Coca-Cola		15,972	66.69	12.12%	213,400	0.56	1,792
2,000 PepsiCo		28,671	36.25	4.12%	72,500	0.50	1,000
<u>Cosmetics/Personal Care</u>							
800 Gillette		23,905	100.44	4.56%	80,350	0.86	688
300 Int'l Flavors & Fragrances		14,477	51.50	0.88%	15,450	1.48	444

	COST	MARKET PRICE (\$)	VALUE	% OF PORTFOLIO	EST RATE (\$)	INCOME
<i>Food and Drink</i>						
1,400 Kellogg	35,592	49.63	69,475	3.95%	0.90	1,260
<i>Health Care</i>						
1,200 Abbott Labs	14,782	65.50	78,600	4.46%	1.08	1,296
1,600 Johnson & Johnson	15,620	65.88	105,400	5.99%	0.88	1,408
1,000 Merck	27,197	106.00	106,000	6.02%	1.80	1,800
<i>Household Products (non-durable)</i>						
2,000 Procter & Gamble	42,115	79.81	159,625	9.07%	1.01	2,020
<i>TECHNOLOGY</i>						
<i>Diversified Technology</i>						
400 Automatic Data	14,002	61.38	24,550	1.39%	0.53	212
600 Minnesota Mining	25,318	82.06	49,238	2.80%	2.12	1,272
400 Motorola	24,502	57.19	22,875	1.30%	0.48	192
226 Lucent Technologies	7,415	79.88	18,052	1.03%	0.30	68
<i>UTILITIES</i>						
<i>Telephone Systems</i>						
700 American Tel & Tel	25,449	61.31	42,919	2.44%	1.32	924
<i>Gas Companies</i>						
500 Fall River Gas Co.	18,500	22.38	11,188	0.64%	0.93	465
<i>CONGLOMERATES</i>						
2,000 General Electric	24,343	73.38	146,750	8.33%	1.20	2,400
TOTAL COMMON STOCK	\$ 357,859	\$	1,216,371	69.09%	\$	17,241
<i>TOTAL PRINCIPAL</i>	884,016		1,760,684	100.00%	\$	52,910
<i>INCOME 8/31/97</i>	18,974		18,974			
<i>TOTAL ACCOUNT</i>	\$ 902,990	\$	1,779,658			

(Walter Barton Memorial Fund)

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	MARKET		% OF		EST	
	COST	PRICE (\$)	VALUE	PORTFOLIO	RATE (\$)	INCOME
100 Hewlett-Packard	5,002	62.38	6,238	1.95%	0.56	56
200 Lucent Technologies	10,355	79.88	15,975	4.99%	0.30	60
CONGLOMERATES						
100 General Electric	5,071	73.38	7,338	2.29%	1.20	120
TOTAL COMMON STOCK	\$ 66,518		\$ 85,447	26.72%		\$ 992
TOTAL ACCOUNT						
Income (8/31/97)	\$ 300,363		\$ 319,837	100%		\$ 12,815
	19,925		19,925	6.23%	4.60	917
	\$ 320,288		\$ 339,762			\$ 13,732

**BEN SANDALLS MEMORIAL FUND
INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1997**

	MARKET		% OF		EST	
	COST	PRICE (\$)	VALUE	PORTFOLIO	RATE (\$)	INCOME
SAVINGS						
Mass. Municipal Depository Trust	\$ 11,886		\$ 11,886	17.56%	4.6	547
BONDS						
10,000 U.S. Treasury 8%	9,890	106.28	10,628	15.70%	8	800
10,000 U.S. Treasury 7 1/2%	10,012	106.22	10,622	15.69%	7.5	750
10,000 U.S. Treasury 7.25%	9,984	108.02	10,802	15.96%	7.33	733
10,000 U.S. Treasury 5.625%	9,169	98.28	9,828	14.52%	5.625	563
TOTAL BONDS	\$ 39,055		\$ 41,880	61.87%		\$ 2,846
COMMON STOCKS						
100 Johnson & Johnson	5,149	65.88	6,588	9.73%	0.88	88
100 General Electric	7,392	73.38	7,338	10.84%	1.20	120
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	\$ 12,541		\$ 13,925	20.57%		\$ 208
TOTAL ACCOUNT	\$ 56,090		\$ 67,691	100.00%		\$ 3,600

ROSAMOND SEARS LIBRARY FUND INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1997

SAVINGS		COST	MARKET PRICE (\$)	VALUE	% OF PORTFOLIO	EST. RATE (\$)	INCOME
Mass. Municipal Depository Trust Fund		\$ 37,307		\$ 37,307	6.84%	4.60	\$ 1,716
<u>BONDS</u>							
20,000	U.S. Treasury 5.125%	19,602	99.16	19,832	3.63%	5.13	1,025
20,000	U.S. Treasury 6.0%	20,077	100.16	20,032	3.67%	6.00	1,200
20,000	U.S. Treasury 5.50%	19,702	99.18	19,836	3.63%	5.50	1,100
20,000	U.S. Treasury 6.375%	20,377	102.17	20,434	3.74%	6.38	1,275
20,000	U.S. Treasury 6.25%	20,102	102.07	20,414	3.74%	6.25	1,250
20,000	U.S. Treasury 5.875%	19,602	100.27	20,054	3.67%	5.88	1,175
20,000	U.S. Treasury 6.50%	20,502	104.07	20,814	3.81%	6.50	1,300
TOTAL BONDS		\$ 139,966		\$ 141,416	25.91%		\$ 8,325
<u>COMMON STOCKS</u>							
CONSUMER CYCLICAL							
600	Sysco	18,952	45.56	27,338	5.01%	0.68	408
300	Disney	18,440	99.00	29,700	5.44%	0.53	159
CONSUMER NON-CYCLICAL							
Food & Beverage							
200	Coca Cola	8,052	66.69	13,338	2.44%	0.56	112
300	Pepsico	8,076	36.25	10,875	1.99%	0.50	150
Cosmetics/Personal Care							
200	Gillette	8,527	100.44	20,088	3.68%	0.86	172
300	Int'l Flavors & Fragrances	14,694	51.50	15,450	2.83%	1.48	444
Health Care							
300	Abbott Laboratories	13,790	65.50	19,650	3.60%	1.08	324
300	Johnson & Johnson	11,867	65.88	19,763	3.62%	0.88	264
300	Merck	23,344	106.00	31,800	5.83%	1.80	540
Household Products (non-durable)							
200	Procter & Gamble	7,202	79.81	15,963	2.93%	1.01	202
INDUSTRIAL							
200	Emerson Electric	8,102	56.44	11,288	2.07%	1.18	236
TECHNOLOGY							
Diversified Technology							
200	Automatic Data Processing	7,700	61.38	12,275	2.25%	0.53	106

	COST	MARKET PRICE (\$)	VALUE	% OF PORTFOLIO	EST. RATE (\$)	INCOME
400 Hewlett Packard	18,452	62.38	24,950	4.57%	0.56	224
100 Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing	5,802	82.05	8,205	1.50%	2.12	212
200 Motorola	12,077	57.19	11,438	2.10%	0.48	96
300 Lucent Technology	14,731	79.88	23,963	4.39%	0.30	90
Software						
300 Electronic Data Systems	14,365	43.94	13,181	2.42%	0.60	180
UTILITIES						
Telephone Systems						
200 AT&T	6,930	61.31	12,263	2.25%	1.32	264
200 Ameritech	10,377	80.50	16,100	2.95%	2.40	480
CONGLOMERATES						
400 General Electric	13,017	73.38	29,350	5.38%	1.20	480
TOTAL COMMON STOCK	\$ 244,499		\$ 366,974	67.25%		\$ 5,143
TOTAL PRINCIPAL Income (8/31/97)	\$ 421,773		\$ 545,698	100.00%		\$ 15,184
	79,481		79,481	14.57%	4.60	3,656
TOTAL ACCOUNT	\$ 501,253		\$ 625,178			\$ 18,840

JOSEPH MATHIAS NAUGHTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND
INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1997

	COST	MARKET PRICE (\$)	VALUE	% OF PORTFOLIO	EST RATE (\$)	INCOME
SAVINGS						
Mass. Depository Trust Funds	\$ 7,828	\$	7,828	43.83%	4.6	\$ 360
BONDS						
10,000 U.S. Treasury 6.375%	7/15/99	100.31	10,031	49.09%	6.375	638
TOTAL ACCOUNT	\$ 17,842	\$	17,859	92.92%		\$ 998

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The tax rate for Fiscal Year 1998 (July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998) was set in October, 1997 at \$13.37 per \$1,000, up from \$12.94 the previous year. Assessments were kept constant although real estate values continued to rise. New growth amounted to over \$50,000,000 and the total taxable value of real and personal property surpassed two billion dollars for the first time.

During 1997 the Assessors' staff inspected 551 properties based on building permits issued. Some were carryovers from the previous year when work was not completed by the January 1 assessment date. Included in these inspections were 93 new houses, 167 remodeling projects, 120 additions. The balance consisted of pools, sheds, porches, tennis courts, garages, etc.

The Board of Assessors is in the second year of its project of re-inspection of properties in town. Two individuals from Real Estate Research Consultants, Inc. have been working on this project since July, 1996 and are close to completion. Over the course of two years, almost every home in Town has been visited, re-measured and inspected and the resulting data entered into our computer system. The Board appreciates the reception which these representatives have received and will continue to receive from Weston's property owners.

The Board urges taxpayers of the Town to carefully consider the choices offered to them at Town Meeting and on the ballot and to remember that the tax rate is determined as a result of these choices.

The Board of Assessors continues to encourage qualified property owners to apply for exemptions as allowed by state law. The Massachusetts General Laws allow for exemptions for the elderly (over 70), disabled veterans, the blind, surviving spouses and the infirm who qualify. In addition, tax deferrals are available to senior citizens (over 65) whose income is below \$40,000.

The Board and office staff said goodbye to Diane Dalton, part-time assistant to Assessor Sebastian Tine, who left the Town's service after six years to pursue other options. Her contributions to the assessing staff and to the Town were greatly appreciated. In August, Katherine Worton was hired as a full-time assistant, replacing Diane. The Board wishes to thank its Town Hall staff of Reba Campbell, Kathy Worton and Sebastian Tine for their assistance to the Board in the performance of its duties.

SUMMARY OF TAX RATE CALCULATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

(as of January 1, 1997)

Gross Amount to be raised:

Town Appropriations

From Tax levy	\$	31,176,369.00	
From Available Funds		<u>1,279,243.86</u>	\$ 32,455,612.86

Matuing Debt & interest on Debt			3,117,610.31
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Offsets: Estimated receipts from

Commonwealth to be used for specific purposes			752,899.00
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Estimated Charges:

State	231,363.00	
County	<u>50,664.00</u>	282,027.00

Overlay - Fiscal Year 1997		<u>251,363.22</u>	
			\$ 36,859,512.39

Less: Estimated Receipts and
Available Funds

Total Estimated Receipts from

Commonwealth	2,233,563.00	
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Estimated Receipts from local sources	5,168,570.00	
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Appropriated from available funds, including Federal Revenue Sharing	<u>2,429,243.86</u>	<u>9,831,376.86</u>
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Net amount to be raised by taxation		\$	27,028,135.53
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Taxes committed for collection

Taxes levied at \$13.37 per \$1,000 of
valuation

Real Property Tax	26,820,833.68	
Personal Property Tax	<u>207,301.85</u>	\$ 27,028,135.53

Total Value of assessed personal estate		\$	15,505,000.00
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Assessed value of Real Estate

Residential	1,926,785,900.00	
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Commercial	74,970,800.00	
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Industrial	<u>4,289,200.00</u>	
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Total Value of Assessed Real Estate		<u>2,006,045,900.00</u>
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Total Value of Assessed Estate		\$	2,021,550,900.00
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Number of parcels of Real Estate	3699	
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Number of exempt properties	286	
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Number of bills on Real Estate	3699	
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Number of bills on Personal Property	120	
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TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Tallies are based upon the Property Type Classification Codes
established by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

Dwelling Houses	3,304
Multiple Dwelling Properties	37
Condominiums	28
Non-Exempt Vacant Parcels	222
Accessory Land with Improvements	12
Commercial properties	61
Industrial Properties	3
Parcels Classified under Ch. 61 (Forest Management)	6
Parcels Classified under Ch. 61A (Agricultural/Horticultural)	16
Parcels Classified under Ch. 61B (Recreational Use)	10
Exempt Parcels	286

PROPERTY EXEMPTED UNDER M.G.L., CHAPTER 59, SECTION 5, CLAUSE 3

Trustees of Boston College (Weston Observatory)	\$ 1,189,300
Cambridge School, Inc.	4,399,600
Campion Residence & Renewal Center	98,600
Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum, Inc.	318,000
Margaret Gifford School	1,425,900
Golden Ball Tavern Trust	1,364,300
Meadowbrook School of Weston	2,379,700
Northeastern University	2,776,900
President & Fellows of Harvard University	7,636,400
Red Barn Nursery School	366,600
Regis College	42,937,800
Rivers Country Day School	3,953,500
Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston	7,184,000
Society of Jesus of New England	6,087,900
Wellesley Conservation Council	29,800
Weston Scouts, Inc.	269,200
Weston Community Housing	3,391,800
Weston Forest & Trail Assoc., Inc.	9,226,400
Weston Wing, Inc.	298,800

TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

January 1, 1997

LOCATION	LAND (Acres)	TOTAL VALUE	NOTES
Cemeteries			
0 BOSTON POST RD	0.9	224,600	
0 BOSTON POST RD	7	651,200	
0 BOSTON POST RD	3	511,200	
0 BOSTON POST RD B P	50	2,553,100	Boston Post Rd.
0 SOUTH AVE	0.5	17,500	
Conservation			
0 BEMIS ST	9.68	338,800	formerly Suit
0 BOSTON POST RD	8.6	301,000	formerly Kelley, J. & D.
0 BOSTON POST RD	8	280,000	
0 BOSTON POST RD	8	280,000	
0 BOSTON POST RD	0.6	91,800	
0 BOSTON POST RD	19.2	672,000	formerly Antico
0 BOSTON POST RD	3.52	123,200	formerly Rayner
0 BOSTON POST RD	3	105,000	
0 BOSTON POST RD	2.28	348,800	
0 BOSTON POST RD	8.31	472,100	formerly Magazzu
0 BOSTON POST RD	11.46	623,600	formerly W. Methodist Church
0 BOSTON POST RD B P	3.23	391,700	formerly Colpitts, Boyd & Michaels
0 CHESTNUT ST	23	1,150,000	formerly Paine
0 CHESTNUT ST	30.98	1,549,000	
0 CHURCH ST	2.24	254,800	
0 CHURCH ST	44.82	5,285,700	formerly Coburn, Arthur
0 CHURCH ST	2.44	85,400	formerly Owen
0 CLIFF RD	2.55	520,500	formerly Marden
0 CONANT RD	6.94	242,900	formerly Simons, J. & M.
0 CONANT RD	8.37	293,000	formerly Clancy, H. & E.
0 CONANT RD	7.55	486,700	formerly Adams
0 CONANT RD	1.25	43,800	formerly Rees & Kontoff
0 CONCORD RD	12.26	429,100	formerly Van Leer
0 CONCORD RD	18.6	651,000	formerly Speare
0 CONCORD RD	21.65	757,800	formerly Cohen
0 CONCORD RD	2.93	102,600	formerly Janeway, C & E
0 CONCORD RD	3.95	138,300	formerly Lutyens
0 CONCORD RD	146.18	7,676,300	formerly Campion Center
0 CONCORD RD	10.18	613,100	formerly Cummings & Janeway
0 CONCORD RD	15.2	532,000	formerly Bartlett
0 CONCORD RD	41.87	4,160,300	formerly Weston College
0 CONCORD RD	1.12	244,000	" Willis, N.&A. & Chadwick, H.
27 CRESCENT ST	61.47	2,392,000	formerly Sears, E. & R.
0 DEER PATH LN	20.97	734,000	formerly Dickson, Ela & Orcutt
0 DOUBLET HILL RD	35.09	1,754,500	Weston R.E. Trust
0 ELEANOR RD	0.94	239,000	formerly Brodrick & Scholz

0 GLEN RD	5.54	193,900	formerly McNutt, F. & Eliz.
0 GLEN RD	6.53	228,600	formerly McNutt, Evelyn
0 GUN CLUB LN	7.87	275,500	formerly Bartlett
0 HEMLOCK RD	2.55	89,300	formerly Owen
0 HEMLOCK RD	4.07	142,500	formerly Owen
0 HIGHLAND ST	5	250,000	formerly Nolte
0 HIGHLAND ST	7.31	255,900	formerly Woodworth
0 HIGHLAND ST	18.2	637,000	formerly Germeshausen, Hubbard
0 INDIAN HILL RD	36.88	1,290,800	formerly Hunt, A. & F.
0 LAXFIELD RD	4.27	149,500	formerly Johnson
0 LEGION RD	6.77	237,000	
0 LEXINGTON ST	8.02	914,300	formerly Dumaine
0 LEXINGTON ST	9.23	323,100	formerly Dumaine
0 LEXINGTON ST	6.5	227,500	formerly Dumaine
0 LEXINGTON ST	4.67	482,000	formerly Dumaine
0 LOVE LN	3.26	163,000	formerly Martin
0 LOVE LN	8.5	425,000	formerly Dickson, B.
0 NORTH AVE	5.58	302,500	formerly Miller & Newton
0 NORUMBEGA RD	1.38	263,300	
0 OCTOBER LN	2.6	91,000	formerly Connolly
0 OCTOBER LN	0.69	211,500	formerly Connolly
0 OFF BAKERS HILL RD	0.42	64,300	
0 OFF CONCORD RD	15.69	549,000	formerly Weston College
0 OFF DOUBLET HILL R	3.51	175,500	
0 OFF ROCKY LEDGE	0.79	3,900	
0 OLD RD	17.4	608,900	formerly Paine
0 RIDGEWAY RD	6.7	665,200	formerly Bidwell, Eldridge, Storie
0 RIDGEWAY RD	13.5	472,500	formerly Forest & Trail
0 RIPLEY LN	33.5	5,125,500	formerly Beamish
0 RIPLEY LN	5	470,000	" Campbell, Elwell & Swiedler
0 RIPLEY LN	46.91	1,641,900	" Campbell, Elwell & Swiedler
0 RIPLEY LN	15.72	550,200	" Campbell, Elwell & Swiedler
0 RIVER RD	0.64	16,000	formerly Trs. of Weston R.E. Trust
0 SUDBURY RD	0.36	12,700	formerly Smith
0 SUDBURY RD	24.13	844,600	formerly Smith
0 SUDBURY RD	20.94	732,900	formerly Locke
0 SUDBURY RD	25.64	897,400	formerly Akers
0 SUDBURY RD	3.44	120,400	formerly Bishop
0 SUDBURY RD	11.38	398,300	formerly Whittemore, W. & B.
0 SUDBURY RD	1.38	263,300	formerly Field
0 SUDBURY RD	4.99	174,700	formerly Field
0 SUDBURY RD	14.64	734,900	formerly Locke
0 SUMMER ST	0.13	19,900	formerly Trs. of Weston R.E. Trust
0 SUMMER ST	0.83	127,000	formerly Trs. of Weston R.E. Trust
0 SUMMER ST	0.11	16,800	formerly Trs. of Weston R.E. Trust
0 SYLVAN LN	5.35	462,400	formerly Blaney
0 TERRACE RD	0.93	32,400	formerly Suffolk Franklin S.B.
0 TERRACE RD	0.94	33,000	formerly Suffolk Franklin S.B.
0 TERRACE RD	1.08	37,800	formerly Suffolk Franklin S.B.
0 TRAILSIDE RD	31.08	1,087,800	formerly Renco

0 VILES ST	3	105,000	" Viles, Mary, Jay II & Henry
0 WARREN AVE	5.44	620,200	
0 WARREN AVE	0.6	154,100	formerly Lingley, T.R.
0 WELLESLEY ST	22.3	390,300	formerly Danforth, Nancy
0 WELLESLEY ST	2.27	301,900	" Danforth, Nicholas & Nancy
0 WELLESLEY ST	29	1,237,500	formerly Blaney, D. & M.
0 WELLESLEY ST	19.2	672,000	formerly Danforth, Nancy
0 WINTER ST	13.6	476,000	formerly Blaney, D. & M.
0 WOOD RIDGE RD	8.41	294,400	formerly Lord, John & Jane
0 YOUNG RD	15	1,590,000	formerly Mass Audubon Scty.
0 YOUNG RD	9.62	336,700	formerly Forest & Trail

Elderly Housing Committee

44 SCHOOL ST	16.3	2,092,100	Brook School Elderly Housing
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Fire Department

0 BOSTON POST RD	0.49	201,400	Central Sta.
0 CENTER ST	2.09	241,300	
0 NORTH AVE	0.09	42,400	Kendal Green Sta.
0 SOUTH AVE	1.37	313,700	South Av. Sta.

Highway Department

0 BOSTON POST RD B P	6.55	526,300	Garage
0 CHURCH ST	3.31	115,900	
0 OFF CHURCH ST	17.71	619,900	Storage Bldg - Landfill

Josiah Smith Tavern

356 BOSTON POST RD	6.61	853,300	Josiah Smith Tavern
0 BOSTON POST RD B P	2.21	258,600	

Library

356 BOSTON POST RD	0.63	208,500	Boston Post Rd. & School St.
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Miscellaneous

0 CHURCH ST	0.81	123,900	nr. Kendal Green RR Sta.
0 CHURCH ST	1.16	40,600	nr. Kendal Green RR Sta.
0 HOBBS BROOK RD	1.08	37,800	nr. Kendal Green RR Sta.
0 LEXINGTON ST	2.3	8,100	
0 SCHOOL ST	0.27	41,300	
0 SOUTH AVE	1.38	48,200	

Municipal Purposes

0 BAY STATE RD	0.43	1,500	formerly Weston Land Co.
0 CHURCH ST	0.1	3,500	
0 MERRIAM ST	34.38	1,451,100	formerly Weston College
0 NEWTON ST	35.66	2,259,500	formerly Harvard
0 PARK RD	0.92	32,100	
0 WELLESLEY ST	3	380,100	

Parks & Recreation

0 BOGLE ST	4.22	147,700	
0 BOGLE ST	0.65	99,500	
0 BOSTON POST RD	1.25	253,800	Soldiers Field Town Park
0 BOSTON POST RD	1.28	217,200	Childrens Park
0 CHERRY BROOK RD	5.58	626,000	
0 DRABBINGTON WAY	64.3	2,250,500	Cat Rock
0 GAIL RD	25	875,000	
0 HIGHLAND ST	0.3	3,120,700	formerly Nolte
0 HIGHLAND ST	4.7	3,120,700	formerly Nolte
0 NEWTON ST	0.01	59,700	South Park
0 PARK RD	19	1,804,300	Weston Park
0 TOWN HOUSE RD	1.83	339,200	Lamson Park
0 VILES ST	2.6	443,300	
0 WELLESLEY ST	1.5	327,600	Case Park

School Department

10 ALPHABET LN	31.39	1,098,700	Woodland School
99 SCHOOL ST	46	9,473,400	Field & Country Schools, Case Hse., Memorial Pool & New Library
444 WELLESLEY ST	61.45	22,320,700	High School & Middle School
456 WELLESLEY ST	41.28	2,002,300	Athletic Field

Town Forest

0 BOSTON POST RD	40.32	1,411,200	formerly Farnsworth
0 BOSTON POST DR	101	9,435,000	
0 CONCORD RD	68	2,380,000	formerly Farnsworth
0 CONCORD RD	10.7	374,500	
0 GUN CLUB LN	41.67	1,458,500	formerly Farnsworth
0 GUN CLUB LN	22.75	1,586,300	Fiske Forest
0 HIGHLAND ST	40.11	3,120,700	formerly Nolte
0 HIGHLAND ST	154.71	8,521,500	formerly Paine
0 SUDBURY RD	48.48	1,696,800	formerly Beriah Ogilvie
18 WARREN AVE	11.55	799,300	Fiske Forest

Town Hall

0 TOWN HOUSE RD	3.5	404,700	Town Hall
0 TOWN HOUSE RD	5.8	772,700	Town Common

Water Department

0 HIGHLAND ST	0.73	189,800	
0 HIGHLAND ST	1.09	54,500	Paines Hill
0 NOBSCOT RD	1.79	62,700	Black Oak & Nobscot Rds.
0 OVERLOOK DR	1.46	51,100	Kendal Green Pumping Sta.
0 RIDGEWAY RD	1.6	56,000	Nickerson Field Pumping Sta.
0 RIVER RD	0.93	23,300	Fitzgerald Well
0 WARREN AVE	8	1,138,600	Warren Av. Pump.Sta./Supt. Hse.
460 WELLESLEY ST	0.92	180,700	

TOWN OWNED PARKS

Children's Park	55,670 square feet
Boston Post Road at Route 20 in vicinity of Wellesley Street	
Soldier's Field	54,600 square feet
Boston Post Road between Concord Road & Fiske Lane	
Weston Park	19 acres
West side of Park Road	
Anniversary Park	11,800 square feet
Corner of School Street & Boston Post Road By-Pass	
Town Common	5.80 acres
Lamson Park	1.83 acres
Case Park	1.5 acres
Corner of School Street & Wellesley Street	
South Park	
Corner of South Avenue & Newton Street	169.4 square feet

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

BALANCE SHEET - JUNE 30, 1997

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS

Operating Cash			8,087,297.70
Cash - Chapter 90 Memo Account			
Accounts Receivable:			
Taxes:			
Personal Property			
Prior Year Levies	2,826.98		
Levy of 1996	704.73		
Levy of 1997	<u>1,222.06</u>	4,753.77	
Real Estate			
Levy of 1995	(2,545.96)		
Levy of 1996	(4,368.74)		
Levy of 1997	<u>638,580.39</u>	<u>631,665.69</u>	636,419.46
Provision for Overlay - 1995		(46,010.67)	
Provision for Overlay - 1996		(177,054.99)	
Provision for Overlay - 1997		<u>(59,276.85)</u>	(282,342.51)
Tax Liens Receivable			685,643.60
Deferred Tax Liens			517,833.49
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise:			
Prior Year Levies		62,277.35	
Levy of 1996		16,943.74	
Levy of 1997		<u>191,517.08</u>	270,738.17
Departmental:			
Town Property Rentals		1,345.00	
Brook School Receivable		(1,179.44)	
Due from Fed Govt. HUD		22,615.61	
Fire Department		116,274.40	
School Department		<u>6,895.41</u>	145,950.98
Water Department:			
Water Liens		6,683.69	
Rates and Services		<u>21,142.94</u>	27,826.63
Agency:			
Due from Agencies		19,597.15	
Due from State		45,099.10	
Receivable - Whitehouse Lane		<u>357,689.00</u>	422,385.25
Total Assets			<u><u>10,511,752.77</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUNDS

Liabilities

Land Court Proceeds Fore.		1,000.00
Warrants Payable		38,084.35
Payroll Withholding		212,744.01
Deferred Revenue		
Real Estate Tax	348,766.76	
Personal Property Tax	5,310.19	
Tax Liens	685,643.60	
Deferred Tax Liens	517,833.49	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	270,738.16	
Water Rates	17,914.25	
Water Liens	6,683.69	
Water Miscellaneous	3,228.69	
Departmental	145,950.98	
State, Chapter 90	357,689.00	
State, Other	45,100.00	
Other Agency	19,597.15	2,424,455.96
Off-duty detail		(40,651.17)
Water Blanket Extensions		80,421.81
Brook School Security Deposits		16,024.55
Tailings		23,616.33
Deposits, Water Main Extensions		272,098.20
Developers' Security Deposits		275,222.43
Improve & Develop Cemetery Land		66,427.59
Other Liabilities		2,435.04
Total Liabilities		3,371,879.10

Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:

Income - Well Litigation Settlement Fund	113,950.43	
Dog License Refund	6,464.72	
Sale of Cemetery Lots	51,182.77	
Sale of Land	3,600.00	
Wetlands Protection	4,098.00	179,295.92
Employee Group Health Insurance		252,022.68
Health Claims Trust Fund		107,136.66
Reserve for Encumbrance Carryovers		243,982.65
Reserve for Expenditures		2,713,897.23
Undesignated Fund Balance		3,643,538.53
Total Funds		7,139,873.67
Total Liabilities and Funds		10,511,752.77

GIFTS AND GRANTS

ASSETS

Cash	297,748.26
Due from State	65,000.00
Total Assets	362,748.26

LIABILITES AND FUNDS

Deferred Revenue - Intergovernmental	65,000.00
Total Liabilities	65,000.00

Alcohol & Drug Education	75.00	
Brook School Maintenance	13,907.76	
COA Miscellaneous Gifts	10,293.40	
COA Program Gifts	365.90	
COA Transportation	5,327.55	
Conservation, Replace Trees	3,687.05	
Helen G. Hill Flower Gifts	39.38	
Highway Insurance Reimbursement	(255.02)	
Insurance Reimbursement	12,348.52	
Library, General Purposes	30,073.87	
Library, Madelyn Wetmore	1,279.00	
Library, Materials Replacement	4,094.63	
Library, Misc. Gifts	2,610.00	
Library, New, Construction Gifts	(62,814.43)	
Mobile Data Terminal	673.50	
Police Career Incentive	112,250.00	
Police, Replace Trees	1,000.00	
Recreation - Cambr.Tr. Band Concert	4,000.00	
Recycling Construction Gifts	600.00	
Recycling Education Gifts	79.30	
Restitution, School Property	984.85	
Restitution, School Buses	861.16	
Special Equipment, Ambulance	1,929.63	
Volleyball Improvement Gifts	4,371.09	
Wayland 4H Dickson Ring	3,734.48	
		151,516.62

State Grants:

Arts Lottery (Cultural Council)	1,544.24
COA Formula Grant	212.50
Community Policing, 1997	1,557.28
Elections	1,765.00
Fire Grant, School Safety	3,306.68
Library Incentive	13,086.64
Library LCSA Title I	1,627.06
Library LCSA Title III	(468.00)
Library Metrowest Rep. Sys.	16,883.53
Library Municipal Equalization	24,922.61
Library Non-Resident Circulation	6,260.13

MWRA 1997 Fire Dept. Liaison	8,000.00	
MWRA 1997 Tree Replacement	30,000.00	
MWRA 1997 Water Contingency	30,000.00	
Special Law Enforcement	<u>7,533.97</u>	<u>146,231.64</u>
Total Funds		<u>297,748.26</u>
Total Liabilities & Funds		<u><u>362,748.26</u></u>

SPECIAL SCHOOL FUNDS
ASSETS

Cash	(142,905.99)	
Due from State	124,911.30	
Total Assets		<u><u>(17,994.69)</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUNDS

Warrants Payable		<u>2,593.72</u>
Total Liabilities		2,593.72
School Lunch Fund		(2,701.07)
School Athletic Fund		17,209.17
Miscellaneous Gifts:		
Gifts for General Purposes	27,996.89	
METCO Transportation Gift	10,200.00	
Adult & Community Education	1,747.66	
Secondary Enrichment	<u>3,977.61</u>	<u>43,922.16</u>
State Grants:		
METCO Racial Imbalance	(150,342.86)	
Idea Preschool	27,748.53	
Title VI Chapter II	491.18	
DDE, Chapter II	3003.21	
Early Childhood Education	7,932.93	
Health - Smoking Cessation	20,956.12	
Curriculum Frameworks	5,512.00	
Drug Free Schools	<u>5,680.22</u>	<u>(79,018.67)</u>
Total Funds		<u>(20,588.41)</u>
Total Liabilities and Funds		<u><u>(17,994.69)</u></u>

CAPITAL PROJECTS

ASSETS

Cash	1,436,355.76	
Total Assets		1,436,355.76

LIABILITIES AND FUNDS

Warrants Payable		912,501.79
Ban Proceeds		
Cemetery Development	240,000.00	
Water Extensions	340,000.00	
Water Mains	50,000.00	
High School Ren.	2,500,000.00	
M.S. Engineering	740,000.00	
Computer Hardware	245,000.00	
Computer Software	177,000.00	
Fire Pumper	216,000.00	
Sweeper	2,000.00	
High School Planning	850,000.00	5,360,000.00
Total Liabilities		6,272,501.79

Fund Balances

(amounts reflect fund balances prior to long term borrowing)

Purchase Campion Center	1,000.00
Acquisition of Land	5,798.44
Computer Hardware	(208,185.23)
Computer Software	(176,803.46)
Brook School Elevators	10,048.53
Police Equip. & Furnishings	674.96
Police Roof Repairs	6,653.43
Fire Station Additon	145.38
Fire Dept. Pumper	207.72
New Ambulance, Rescue	33.14
Fire Dept. Pumper	(215,943.05)
Sidewalk Snowblower	1,447.97
Street Sweeper	164.97
Water Standpipe	3,449.85
Water Extensions	(111,213.80)
Lay Water Mains	(22,171.46)
Linwood Cemetery	(209,840.76)
Refuse Transfer Facility	1,605.52
Landfill Closeout	21,660.73
Reconstruct Athletic Fac.	118.68
Memorial Pool	12,099.93

School Fire Alarm, PA Syst.	15,346.83	
Field School Renovations	77,723.23	
High School Football, Bleach.	13,500.00	
Middle School Renovation	(309,093.30)	
High School Renovation	(3,762,191.18)	
Field School Sewage Disp.	<u>7,616.90</u>	
Total Funds		<u>(4,836,146.03)</u>
Total Liabilities & Funds		<u><u>1,436,355.76</u></u>

CONSOLIDATED TRUST FUNDS - PRINCIPAL

ASSETS			
Operating Cash			14,261.46
Cash - Principal of Trust Funds			37,240.76
U.S. Government Bonds:			
At Par Value	580,004.69		
Add - Unamortized Premiums	<u>1,860.63</u>	581,865.32	
Less - Unamortized Discount		(6,475.58)	575,389.74
Other Bonds:			
At Par Value	85,000.00		
Add - Unamortized Premiums	<u>86.73</u>	85,086.73	
Less - Unamortized Discount		<u>(9,187.50)</u>	75,899.23
Common Stock - At Cost			<u>412,049.27</u>
Total Assets			<u><u>1,114,840.46</u></u>

FUNDS

Library Funds:			
Group A	47,947.34		
Group B	5,517.18		
Group C	17,389.44		
Group D	1,006.96		
Group E	12,516.34		
Group F	31,730.25		116,107.51
H.S. Sears Funds:			
School Prize Fund	4,714.21		
Scholarship Fund	21,996.61		
Teachers' Home Fund	15,743.79		
Athletic Field Fund	7,859.07		
Town Common Fund	16,261.51		
Trees and Shrubs Fund	7,859.07		74,434.26
B. Loring Young Fund			419.35
Merriam Fund for Silent Poor			11,337.74
Weston War Memorial Educational Fund			170,541.78
Charles O. Richardson Educational Fund			6,427.11

Dana W. Carter Memorial Fund	15,957.47
Alpheus Cutter Cemetery Fund	288.09
Emma F. Stedman Cemetery Fund	287.88
Elizabeth L. Sweet Cemetery Fund	675.10
Elizabeth E. Irving Decoration Fund	713.08
Laura S. McAuliffe Decoration Fund	425.48
Laura S. McAuliffe Monument Fund	713.43
Ida Scott Williams Care of Monument Fund	707.95
Lena B. Guthrie Memorial Flower Fund	656.94
E. B. Field Perpetual Care Fund	718.58
Agnes B. Brock Perpetual Care Fund	1,433.24
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	490,462.37
ICE Award	4,059.90
Eula B. Mitchell Flower Fund	588.52
Will A. & Emily Davenport Library Fund	157,374.10
Eleanor M. Callow Arts Fund	23,385.97
Helen V. Zolla COA Activity Fund	13,177.34
Trees & Shrubs Plant. & Maint. Fund	439.12
James H. Messing Trust Fund	23,508.15
Total Funds	1,114,840.46

CONSOLIDATED TRUST FUNDS - INCOME

ASSETS

Operating Cash	249,743.97
Total Assets	249,743.97

FUNDS

Library Funds:		
Group A	21,193.69	
Group B	2,810.04	
Group C	9,459.85	
Group D	1,764.23	
Group E	1,469.56	
Group F	3,731.27	40,428.64
H. S. Sears Funds:		
School Prize Fund	629.10	
Scholarship Fund	4,773.84	
Teachers' Home Fund	4,426.63	
Athletic Field Fund	4,443.33	
Town Common Fund	26,449.37	
Trees and Shrubs Fund	19,741.49	60,463.76
B. Loring Young Fund		124.78
Merriam Fund for Silent Poor		1,744.60
Weston War Memorial Educational Fund		10,174.31

Charles O. Richardson Educational Fund	8,302.82	
Dana W. Carter Memorial Fund	1,552.84	
Alpheus Cutter Cemetery Fund	1,505.43	
Emma F. Stedman Cemetery Fund	224.93	
Elizabeth L. Sweet Cemetery Fund	1,631.54	
Elizabeth E. Irving Decoration Fund	912.18	
Laura S. McAuliffe Decoration Fund	780.89	
Laura S. McAuliffe Monument Fund	2,810.71	
Ida Scott Williams Care of Monument Fund	2,387.33	
Lena B. Guthrie Memorial Flower Fund	579.88	
E. B. Field Perpetual Care Fund	3,061.90	
Agnes B. Brock Perpetual Care Fund	1,033.07	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	47,109.17	
ICE Award	640.32	
Eula B. Mitchell Flower Fund	156.97	
Will A. & Emily Davenport Library Fund	57,067.42	
Eleanor M. Callow Arts Fund	4,394.58	
Helen V. Zolla COA Activity Fund	1,159.36	
Trees & Shrubs Plant. & Maint. Fund	48.76	
James H. Messing Trust Fund	1,447.78	
Total Funds		249,743.97

OTHER TRUST FUNDS

ASSETS

Savings - Principal	801,706.10	
Savings - Income	149,972.58	951,678.68
Bonds:		
At Par Value	1,614,015.00	
Add - Unamortized Premiums	5,215.31	1,619,230.31
Less: Unamortized Discount	(22,982.99)	1,596,247.32
Common Stocks - at Cost		967,217.70
Total Assets		3,515,143.70

FUNDS

Alpheus Cutter Monument Fund	2,881.08
Alice F. Warren Memorial Library Fund	58,621.92
Alice F. Warren Historical Fund	3,628.55
H. S. Sears Town Hall Fund	81,772.40
World War Trust Fund - Principal	48,436.92
World War Trust Fund - Interest	1,291.12
Stabilization Fund	9,044.71
Joseph M. Naughton Scholarship Fund	17,931.90
Joseph M. Naughton Memorial Fund	14,344.05
Josiah Smith Tavern Fund - Principal	128,904.84

Josiah Smith Tavern Fund - Income	25,845.86	154,750.70
Well Litigation Settlement Trust Fund		907,203.23
Weston Public School Fund - Principal	90,997.54	
Weston Public School Fund - Income	15,669.57	106,667.11
Charles E. Mead Library Trust Fund		192,147.64
Waldo Noyes Trust - Principal	877,469.48	
Waldo Noyes Trust - Income	15,998.05	893,467.53
Ben Sandalls Memorial Fund		62,704.04
Rosamond Sears Library Fund - Principal	421,219.42	
Rosamond Sears Library Fund - Income	70,216.24	491,435.66
Weston Educational Enrichment Fund		151,498.00
Gladwell Library Fund -Principal	299,176.48	
Gladwell Library Fund - Income	18,140.66	317,317.14
Total Funds		<u><u>3,515,143.70</u></u>

LONG-TERM DEBT ASSETS

Amount Provided from Long-Term Debt	13,745,000.00
Bonds Authorized and Unissued	30,344,500.00
Total Assets	<u><u>44,089,500.00</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Bond Anticipation Notes	5,360,000.00
Bonds Payable - Inside Debt Limit	8,877,000.00
Bonds Payable -Outside Debt Limit	4,868,000.00
Total Liabilities	<u><u>19,105,000.00</u></u>
Fund Balance, Bonds Authorized and Unissued	24,984,500.00
Total Fund Balances	<u><u>24,984,500.00</u></u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	<u><u>44,089,500.00</u></u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS

June 30, 1997

Net Funded and Fixed Debt

	\$		\$
School Athletic Facilities #1, 1988	5,000.00		
School Energy Conservation #5, 1991	107,500.00		
School Energy Conservation #6, 1993	55,000.00		
School Remodeling			
and Extraordinary Repairs, 1990	300,000.00		
School Bus Garage, 1988	15,000.00		
High School/Middle School Architecture			
and Engineering - 1995	40,000.00		
School Fire Alarm/P.A. System, 1993	23,750.00		
School Kitchen & Field School Equip.-1994	50,000.00		
Field School Arch. & Eng. Services - 1994	60,000.00		
Field School Renovations #1 - 1994	896,000.00		
Field School Renovations #2 - 1995	700,000.00		
School Computers - 1994	30,000.00		2,282,250.00
Fire Dept. Ambulance, 1993			18,750.00
Highway - Street Sweeper - 1995			72,000.00
Highway - Sidewalk Snowblower - 1995			37,000.00
Police/Fire Energy Conservation, 1989			5,000.00
Landfill Closure, 1993			1,102,000.00
Refuse Transfer Facility, #1, 1989			35,000.00
Refuse Transfer Facility, #2, 1993			633,000.00
Refuse Transfer Facility, #3, 1994			969,000.00
Recreation-Tennis Court Lighting, 1989			10,000.00
Recreation-Tennis Courts			
Reconstruction - 1990			80,000.00
Recreation-Memorial Pool - 1994			512,000.00

Water Department, No. 1, 1985	270,000.00
Water Department, No. 2, 1988	80,000.00
Water Department, No. 3, 1989	165,000.00
Water Department, No. 4, 1990	67,000.00
Water Department, No. 5, 1990	503,000.00
Water Department, No. 6, 1991	472,500.00
Water Department, No. 7, 1991	365,000.00
Water Department, No. 8, 1993	150,000.00
Water Department, No. 9, 1994	520,000.00
Land Acquisition (Case Estates) 1986	1,530,000.00
New Library, No. 1, 1993	962,500.00
New Library, No. 2, 1994	1,968,000.00
New Library, No. 3, 1995	286,000.00
Elderly Housing, 1980	240,000.00
Elderly Housing - Sewer System, 1991	90,000.00
Elderly Housing - Elevators, 1991	180,000.00
Computer Hardware	86,000.00
Computer Software	54,000.00
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	\$ 13,745,000.00

\$ 13,745,000.00

STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS - June 30, 1997

Purpose of Loan and Rate of Interest:						
	Outstanding June 30, 1996	Issued in 1997*	Paid in 1997	Outstanding June 30, 1997	Principal Due in 1998	Interest Due in 1998
School Athletic Fields 5.5 - 5.6%	5,000		5,000	-	-	
School Athletic Facilities #1 6.20-6.25%	40,000		35,000	5,000	5,000	156.75
School Energy Conservation #5 5.35-6.70%	129,000		21,500	107,500	21,500	5,633.00
School Energy Conservation #6 3.40-5.20%	65,000		10,000	55,000	10,000	1,945.00
School Remodeling and						
Extraordinary Repairs 6.50 - 6.60%	400,000		100,000	300,000	100,000	16,500.00
School Bus Garage 6.20 - 6.25%	30,000		15,000	15,000	15,000	468.75
High School/Middle Sch. Arch. & Eng. 4.00-7.00	50,000		10,000	40,000	10,000	1,488.75
School Fire Alarm/P.A. System 3.40-5.20%	47,500		23,750	23,750	23,750	403.75
School Kitchen & Field Sch. Equipment 4.45-5.80	75,000		25,000	50,000	25,000	1,775.00
Field School Arch & Eng. Services 4.45-5.80%	90,000		30,000	60,000	30,000	2,130.00
Field School Renovations #1 4.45 - 5.80%	948,000		52,000	896,000	52,000	45,873.50
Field School Renovations #2 4.00 - 7.00%	740,000		40,000	700,000	45,000	32,344.38
School Computers 4.45 - 5.80%	40,000		10,000	30,000	10,000	1,165.00
Total School Loans	2,659,500	-	377,250	2,282,250	347,250	109,883.88
Central Fire Sta. #2 5.50 - 5.60%	165,000		165,000	-	-	
Central Fire Sta. #3 5.50 - 5.60%	30,000		30,000	-	-	
Fire Dept. Ambulance 3.40 - 5.20%	37,500		18,750	18,750	18,750	318.75
Highway Energy Conservation 6.00 - 6.10%	2,000		2,000	-	-	
Highway - Street Sweeper 4.00-7.00%	90,000		18,000	72,000	18,000	2,679.75
Highway - Sidewalk Snowblower 4.00-7.00%	50,000		13,000	37,000	13,000	1,294.88
Police/Fire Energy Cons. 6.00 - 6.10%	8,000		3,000	5,000	5,000	152.50
Landfill Closure 3.40 - 5.20%	1,203,000		101,000	1,102,000	101,000	44,807.00
Refuse Transfer Facility #1 6.00 - 6.10%	60,000		25,000	35,000	25,000	1,372.50
Refuse Transfer Facility #2 3.40 - 5.20%	672,000		39,000	633,000	39,000	27,825.00
Refuse Transfer Facility #3 4.45 - 5.80%	1,027,000		58,000	969,000	58,000	49,416.00
Recreation-Tennis Court Lighting 6.00-6.10%	15,000		5,000	10,000	5,000	457.50

	Outstanding June 30, 1996	Issued in 1997*	Paid in 1997	Outstanding June 30, 1997	Principal Due in 1998	Interest Due in 1998
Recreation-Tennis Courts Reconstr. 6.60-6.60%	110,000		30,000	80,000	20,000	4,620.00
Recreation-Memorial Pool 4.45 - 5.80%	556,000		44,000	512,000	44,000	24,646.00
Water Department #1 8.25%	310,000		40,000	270,000	40,000	22,275.00
Water Department #2 6.20 - 6.25%	130,000		50,000	80,000	80,000	2,500.00
Water Department #3 6.00 - 6.10%	230,000		65,000	165,000	65,000	8,082.50
Water Department #4 6.50 - 6.60%	72,000		5,000	67,000	5,000	4,257.00
Water Department #5 6.50 - 6.60%	523,000		20,000	503,000	25,000	32,373.00
Water Department #6 5.35 - 6.70%	490,000		17,500	472,500	17,500	29,161.00
Water Department #7 5.35 - 6.70%	390,000		25,000	365,000	25,000	21,910.00
Water Department #8 3.40 - 5.20%	155,000		5,000	150,000	5,000	6,395.00
Water Department #9 4.45 - 5.80%	550,000		30,000	520,000	30,000	26,650.00
Land Acquisition (Case Estates) 6.25%	1,700,000		170,000	1,530,000	170,000	98,175.00
New Library #1 3.40 - 5.20%	1,025,000		62,500	962,500	62,500	41,895.50
New Library #2 4.45 - 5.80%	2,084,000		116,000	1,968,000	116,000	100,572.00
New Library #3 4.00 - 7.00%	310,000		24,000	286,000	19,000	13,154.13
Elderly Housing 6.30%	360,000		120,000	240,000	120,000	15,120.00
Elderly Housing - Sewer System 5.35-6.70%	100,000		10,000	90,000	10,000	5,150.00
Elderly Housing - Elevators 5.35 - 6.70%	226,000		46,000	180,000	46,000	9,056.00
Computer Hardware 4.00 - 7.00%	106,000		20,000	86,000	20,000	3,234.00
Computer Software 4.00 - 7.00%	74,000		20,000	54,000	20,000	1,868.50
Grand Total	15,520,000	-	1,775,000	13,745,000	1,570,000	\$709,302.39

*No new long term debt was added during Fiscal Year 1997.

PRINCIPAL DUE ON LOANS OUTSTANDING

As of June 30, 1997

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
School Athletic Fields					
School Athletic Facilities #1	5,000				
School Energy #5	21,500	21,500	21,500	21,500	21,500
School Energy #6	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
School Remodeling					
and Extraordinary Repairs	100,000	100,000	100,000		
School Bus Garage	15,000				
High School/Middle School					
Architecture & Engineering	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
School Fire Alarm/P.A. System	23,750				
School Kitchen and					
Field School Equipment	25,000	25,000			
Field School Architecture					
and Engineering	30,000	30,000			
Field School Renovations #1	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	52,000
Field School Renovations #2	45,000	40,000	45,000	60,000	60,000
School Computers	10,000	10,000	10,000		
Fire Dept. Ambulance	18,750				
Highway - Street Sweeper	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	
Highway - Sidewalk Snowblower	13,000	12,000	12,000		
Police/Fire Energy Conservation	5,000				
Landfill Closure	101,000	101,000	101,000	101,000	101,000
Refuse Transfer Facility #1	25,000	10,000			
Refuse Transfer Facility #2	39,000	39,000	39,000	39,000	39,000
Refuse Transfer Facility #3	58,000	58,000	58,000	58,000	58,000
Recreation-Tennis Cts. Lighting	5,000	5,000			
Recreation-Tennis Cts Reconstr.	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Recreation-Memorial Pool	44,000	44,000	44,000	44,000	44,000

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Water Department #1	40,000	40,000	40,000	30,000	30,000
Water Department #2	80,000				
Water Department #3	65,000	50,000	50,000		
Water Department #4	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Water Department #5	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	45,000
Water Department #6	17,500	17,500	17,500	21,500	58,500
Water Department #7	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Water Department #8	5,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	11,000
Water Department #9	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Land Acquisition (Case Estates)	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000
New Library #1	62,500	63,000	63,000	63,000	64,000
New Library #2	116,000	116,000	116,000	116,000	116,000
New Library #3	19,000	20,000	20,000	27,000	20,000
Elderly Housing	120,000	120,000			
Elderly Housing-Sewer System	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	15,000
Elderly Housing-Elevators	46,000	46,000	46,000	42,000	
Computer Hardware	20,000	20,000	21,000	25,000	
Computer Software	20,000	20,000	14,000		
Total	\$ 1,570,000	\$ 1,395,000	\$ 1,205,000	\$ 1,035,000	\$ 975,000

STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997

Accounts indicated by + are continuing appropriations, the balances of which shall be carried forward to the next year. In cases where an amount is carried forward without this designation, the appropriation has been obligated for the payment of liabilities incurred in FY1996-97.

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION OR FUND	APPROPRIATIONS FY 1997 & BALANCES July-1-1996	TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND	EXPENDED DURING FY 1997	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO FY 1998	TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE FY 1997
General Government					
Selectmen					
Expenses	5,570.00		4,619.86		950.14
Consulting & Professional Service +	5,000.00				
Balance July 1	82,912.94		24,773.26	63,139.68	
MetroWest Growth Management Com. +	4,409.00		4,409.00		
Housing Needs Committee +					
Balance July 1	10,890.42			10,890.42	
Study Building & Land Use +					
Balance July 1	20,777.10			20,777.10	
Audit - Municipal Accounts +	11,000.00		10,500.00		500.00
Study Vehicular & Pedestrian Traffic +					
Balance July 1	2,797.90			2,797.90	
Monitoring Ground Water - Landfill +	40,000.00				
Balance July 1	103,902.01		31,346.25	112,555.76	
Test & Replace Storage Tanks +	6,000.00				
Balance July 1	34,201.11			40,201.11	
Archives Project	5,000.00				5,000.00
Open Space Survey+	1,000.00				
Balance July 1	274.12				
Facilities Maintenance Study		9,500.00	1,007.30	266.82	
Facilities Maintenance+	290,000.00		9,500.00		
Recycling & Energy Conservation +	5,000.00		81,240.00	208,760.00	
Balance July 1	6,000.00		1,554.48	9,445.52	
Commuter Parking Lease+					
Balance July 1	1,000.00			1,000.00	
Computer Hardware - Central Admin. +					
Balance July 1	230,813.99		193,999.22	36,814.77	

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION OR FUND	APPROPRIATIONS FY 1997 & BALANCES July 1-1996	TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND	EXPENDED DURING FY 1997	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO FY 1998	TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE FY 1997
Computer Software - Central Admin. + Balance July 1	166,847.54		166,651.00	196.54	
Town Administrator					
Salary	91,000.00		91,000.00		
Asst. Town Administrator Salary	46,735.00		46,735.00		
Expenses	965.00		549.01		415.99
Finance Committee					
Expenses	1,750.00		1,142.46		607.54
Elections and Registration					
Expenses	20,340.00		16,127.67	990.00	3,222.33
Town Reports					
Expenses	10,910.00	4,200.00	14,768.76		341.24
Town Accountant					
Salary	29,035.00	14,850.00	40,566.08		3,318.92
Administrative Assistant Salary	34,386.00		34,386.00		
Expenses	825.00		686.65	135.00	3.35
Assessors					
Chairman's Salary	100.00		100.00		
2nd Member's Salary	100.00		100.00		
3rd Member's Salary	100.00		100.00		
Office Salaries	78,143.00		72,531.09		5,611.91
Expenses	14,209.00	13,975.00	26,470.97		1,713.03
Expert Appraisal of Taxable Property	11,700.00		11,700.00		
Revaluation of Real & Personal Property +	25,000.00				
Balance July 1	8,896.25		33,548.53	347.72	
Treasurer and Collector					
Salary	47,165.00		47,164.78		0.22
Office Salaries	76,364.00		73,485.07		2,878.93
Expenses	36,603.00		23,101.72	7,500.00	6,001.28
Town Clerk					
Salary	150.00		150.00		
Expenses	1,535.00		904.30	151.50	479.20
Clerks of Committees					
Salaries	218,320.00		216,275.79		2,044.21
Law					
Expenses	104,600.00	35,310.00	139,904.50		5.50

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION OR FUND	APPROPRIATIONS FY 1997 & BALANCES July-1-1996	TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND	EXPENDED DURING FY 1997	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO FY 1998	TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE FY 1997
Information Systems					
Expenses	94,300.00		86,588.77	7,711.23	
Board of Appeals					
Expenses	3,320.00	250.00	3,570.00		
Planning Board					
Salaries	25,750.00		25,750.00		818.65
Expenses	13,238.00	6,600.00	9,319.35	9,700.00	
Town Owned Houses +	1,000.00				
Balance July 1	4,776.96		379.05	5,397.91	
Town Hall					
Salaries	35,689.00		30,464.01		5,224.99
Expenses	46,970.00	6,200.00	49,704.76	32.57	3,432.67
Town Hall - Maint. & Repairs +					
Balance July 1	107,608.94		101,925.60	5,683.34	
Town Hall - Equipment +	500.00				
Balance July 1	1,910.38		1,570.00	840.38	
Old Library Repair & Maintenance	15,000.00		7,080.48		7,919.52
Josiah Smith Tavern					
Expenses	2,330.00		2,330.00		
Brook School Housing					
Operation & Maintenance	205,898.00		200,789.94	2,126.50	2,981.56
Brook School - Repairs & Replacements +	62,400.00				
Balance July 1	61,197.54	7,500.00	91,587.92	39,509.62	
Brook School - Elevators +					
Balance July 1	10,048.53			10,048.53	
Brook Sch - Repair & Replace Septic System +					
Balance July 1	8,291.93			8,291.93	
Insurance and Fringe Benefits					
Workers' Compensation	239,800.00				
Transfer to Law	(55,000.00)				99.00
Transfer to Tree Warden-Expenses	(58,400.00)		126,301.00		4,029.72
Unemployment Compensation	18,000.00		13,970.28		
Group Life, Accidental Death & Group Health	2,211,500.00		1,987,242.94	50,000.00	174,257.06
Contributory Retirement - Middlesex	1,019,860.00				
Transfer to Tree Warden-Expenses	(25,300.00)		994,545.00		15.00
Contributory Retirement - Teachers	26,673.00		26,673.00		

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Medicare and Social Security	145,000.00		142,094.29		2,905.71
Insurance - Fire and Boiler	86,300.00		81,388.00		4,912.00
Insurance - Motor Vehicles	74,500.00		73,613.00		887.00
Drug & Alcohol Testing					
Expenses	4,000.00		2,281.00		1,719.00
Unclassified					
Expenses - All Other	8,775.00	2,600.00	11,374.32		0.68
Weston War Memorial Ed.Fund Comm.					
Expenses	725.00		699.08		25.92
Memorial Day					
Expenses	750.00		750.00		
Interest Payments					
Interest on Refunds	3,000.00		1,337.14		1,662.86
Total General Government	6,292,739.66	100,985.00	5,494,427.68	655,311.85	243,985.13
Public Safety					
Police Department					
Salaries	1,762,268.00	22,300.00	1,754,526.28	30,041.72	6,472.58
Expenses	160,172.00	4,950.00	158,649.42		
Police Bldg.-Const., Equip. & Furn. +				674.96	
Balance July 1	674.96				
Equipment and Apparatus +				28.14	
Balance July 1	28.14				
Reimb. Damage to Police Personnel +				312.79	
Balance July 1	88.56	32,100.00	31,875.77		
Roof Repairs +				6,653.43	
Balance July 1	6,653.43				
Fire Department					
Salaries	1,530,588.00	12,980.00	1,543,564.93		3.07
Expenses	106,644.00	8,000.00	113,950.38		693.62
Equipment and Apparatus +					
Balance July 1	11,500.00				
Hydrant Service	17,270.32		12,619.86	16,150.46	
Fire Alarm-Extensions & Replacements	186,026.00		185,976.00		50.00
Indem. of Injured Firefighters +	29,065.00		29,041.37		23.63
Balance July 1	1,000.00				
	6,778.93		4,012.31	3,766.62	

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Central Fire Sta.-From Avail. Funds +					
Balance July 1	5,396.16			5,396.16	
Fire Department - Ambulance +					
Balance July 1	33.14			33.14	
Central Fire Sta.-From Bond Issue +					
Balance July 1	1,115.88		970.50	145.38	
Fire Department Pumper+					
Balance July 1	56.95			56.95	
Fire Department Pumper #2 +					
Balance July 1	13,048.00		12,840.28	207.72	
Inspection Services					
Expenses	94,816.00		90,112.47	100.00	4,603.53
Traffic Signals					
Expenses	5,500.00		3,932.74		1,567.26
Sealer of Weights & Measures					
Expenses	300.00				300.00
Civil Defense +	1,500.00				
Balance July 1	1,183.47			2,683.47	
Dog Officer					
Expenses	6,200.00	1,346.00	7,483.02		62.98
Parking Clerk					
Expenses	400.00	96.00	349.94	145.60	0.46
Tree Warden					
Expenses	128,000.00		89,747.53		38,252.47
Tree Planting	986.00				986.00
Moth Extermination					
Expenses	1,500.00				1,500.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control					
Expenses	400.00		400.00		
Total Public Safety	4,079,192.94	81,772.00	4,040,052.80	66,396.54	54,515.60
School Department					
Salaries	11,936,930.00		11,918,707.00		18,223.00
Instructional, Maintenance & Other Expense	2,358,085.00		2,349,142.00		8,943.00
Transportation	690,680.00		684,809.00		5,871.00
Minuteman Regional Technical Sch Dist.	35,949.00		34,858.00		1,091.00

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<u>Field School - Repairs to Sewage Field +</u>					
Balance July 1	7,616.90			7,616.90	
Acquire & Erect Bleachers-H. S. Football Field +					
Balance July 1	13,500.00			13,500.00	
Computer Purchase +					
Balance July 1	0.19		0.19		
Microcomputers +					
Balance July 1	1,021.26		1,021.26		
Fire Alarm & P. A. System +					
Balance July 1	15,346.83			15,346.83	
Field School Renovations +					
Balance July 1	137,009.98		59,286.75	77,723.23	
High School/Middle School Arch. & Eng. +					
Balance July 1	2,600.00		2,600.00		
High School Architect Services +					
Balance July 1	525,532.42		525,532.42		
High School Renovations +					
Proceeds of Loan	8,500,000.00		2,864,791.18	5,635,208.82	
Middle School Architect Services +					
Proceeds of Loan	740,000.00		309,093.30	430,906.70	
Total School Department	24,964,271.58		18,749,841.10	6,180,302.48	34,128.00
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>					
Salaries-Administrative	253,136.00		219,806.55		33,329.45
Salaries-Office	62,015.00		62,015.00		
Salaries-All Other	1,035,350.00		999,700.91		35,649.09
Expenses	51,857.00	14,000.00	63,803.10	700.00	1,353.90
Equipment +	100,000.00		88,511.83	11,488.17	
<u>Town Engineer</u>					
Expenses	1,700.00				1,700.00
<u>Highways and Bridges</u>					
Expenses	321,542.00		240,375.54	53,299.00	27,867.46
Snow and Ice Control - Expenses	162,000.00		160,455.17		1,544.83

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<u>Chapter 90 Construction +</u>	362,204.00				
Balance July 1	27,484.02		58,897.96	330,790.06	
Highway Equipment +					
Balance July 1	4,928.17		4,928.17		
Drainage +	15,000.00				
Balance July 1	13,566.02		20,131.56	8,434.46	
Constr. & Reconstruct Public Ways +					
Balance July 1	41,499.93			41,499.93	
Highway Land Takings +					
Balance July 1	2,436.03			2,436.03	
Center Street Planting +					
Balance July 1	960.98			960.98	
Const. Sidewalks, Paths & Footways +	50,000.00				
Balance July 1	112,059.08		43,608.51	118,450.57	
Stonewall-Newton St-Reconst& Repair +					
Balance July 1	9,885.44			9,885.44	
Sidewalk Snowblower +					
Balance July 1	1,447.97			1,447.97	
Street Sweeper +					
Balance July 1	164.47			164.47	
<u>Recycling & Solid Waste Disposal</u>					
Expenses	496,704.00		461,952.04	21,804.39	12,947.57
Public Dump - Const. Refuse Trans. Fac. +					
Balance July 1	1,605.52			1,605.52	
Landfill Site-Eminent Domain (T.M. 5/91) +					
Balance July 1	1,000.00	530.00	1,525.60	4.40	
Landfill Closure +					
Balance July 1	21,660.73			21,660.73	
Recycling Program +					
Balance July 1	3,524.78			3,524.78	
<u>Water</u>					
Expenses	117,388.00		104,259.91		13,128.09
Reimbursable Expenses	38,000.00		37,461.57		538.43
Purchase of Water	500,067.00		487,203.00		12,864.00

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Equipment +					
Balance July 1	49.26			49.26	
Standpipes - Maint. and Repair +	26,000.00				
Balance July 1	99,359.69			125,359.69	
Engineering & Consulting Services +	17,000.00		16,500.00	500.00	
Aquifer Protection/Water Supply +					
Balance July 1	2,237.09			2,237.09	
Lay & Relay Water Mains-From Avail. Funds+					
Balance July 1	66.19			66.19	
Lay & Relay Water Mains+					
Proceeds of Loan	360,000.00		22,171.46	337,828.54	
Water Blanket Extensions - From Avail. Funds+					
Balance July 1	77,484.89		77,484.89		
Water Blanket Extensions +					
Proceeds of Loan	340,000.00		188,698.69	151,301.31	
Water Standpipe Construction +					
Balance July 1	3,449.85			3,449.85	
<u>Parks and Cemeteries</u>					
Expenses	25,650.00		23,077.78	1,400.00	1,172.22
Equipment +					
Balance July 1	3,423.00			3,423.00	
Stone Wall Repairs +					
Balance July 1	6,927.94			6,927.94	
Roadway Reconstruction - Linwood +					
Balance July 1	12,000.00			12,000.00	
Linwood Cemetery Development +	240,000.00		221,840.76	18,159.24	
Street Lighting	105,055.00	560.00	105,604.99		10.01
Total Public Works	5,127,889.05	15,090.00	3,710,014.99	1,290,859.01	142,105.05
<u>Health and Sanitation</u>					
Board of Health					
Expenses	7,850.00		7,286.36		563.64
Cooperating Boards of Health					
Expenses	57,236.00		55,336.91		1,899.09

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Mental Health Services					
Expenses	31,109.00		30,175.00		934.00
Seplage Disposal					
Expenses	12,000.00		8,382.80		3,617.20
Sewer Committee - 1977 +					
Balance July 1	2,417.39			2,417.39	
Sewer Committee - Disp.Fac.& T.Center +					
Balance July 1	663.91			663.91	
Mosquito Control					
Expenses	21,994.00		21,994.00		
Total Health and Sanitation	133,270.30	-	123,175.07	3,081.30	7,013.93
Human Services					
Council on Aging					
Expenses	79,401.00		79,071.08	130.00	199.92
Senior Work Program	2,000.00		2,000.00		
Youth Counseling Services					
Expenses	37,359.00		36,950.33	38.71	369.96
Alcohol & Drug Advisory Committee					
Expenses	2,500.00		2,499.70		0.30
Veteran's Benefits					
Expenses	3,000.00		44.00		2,956.00
Total Human Services	124,260.00	-	120,565.11	168.71	3,526.18
Conservation					
Town Forest Acquisition +					
Balance July 1	925.37			925.37	
Conservation Commission					
Expenses	96,240.00		64,082.74	20,158.00	11,999.26
Conservation Fund +					
Balance July 1	923.48			923.48	
Acquisition of Land +					
Balance July 1	5,798.44			5,793.44	

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<u>Purchase of Campion Center +</u>					
Balance July 1	1,000.00			1,000.00	
Weilands Protection Act +	2,390.50				
Balance July 1	6,274.68		4,157.72	4,507.46	
Total Conservation	113,552.47	-	68,240.46	33,312.75	11,999.26
<u>Libraries</u>					
Salaries	506,586.00		506,586.00		7,603.78
Expenses	95,840.60		88,236.82		2.83
Library Materials	61,891.00		61,888.17		162.00
Maintenance and Repair	12,346.00		12,184.00		3,600.41
Library Equipment	9,076.00		5,475.59		
New Library Transition Ccsts +					
Balance July 1	849.57		849.57		
Minuteman Library Network +	28,310.00				99.54
Balance July 1	354.83		28,565.29		
Total Libraries	715,254.00	-	703,785.44	-	11,468.56
<u>Historical Commission</u>					
Expenses	1,000.00		1,000.00		
<u>Recreation</u>					
Salaries	339,072.00	23,000.00	362,051.40		20.60
Expenses	146,660.00	3,770.00	149,763.66	666.34	
Special Programs - Reimb. Exps.	180,000.00	55,000.00	234,965.43		34.57
Reconstruct Outdoor Rec. & Ath. Facilities +					
Balance July 1	118.68			118.68	
Memorial Pool Reconstruction +					
Balance July 1	12,099.93			12,099.93	
Total Recreation	677,950.61	81,770.00	746,780.49	12,884.95	55.17
<u>Maturing Debt - Raised By Assessors</u>					
Interest on Debt					
Schools - Energy	9,166.25		9,166.25		
Schools - Athletic Facility	1,677.50		1,677.50		
Schools - Bus Garage	1,402.50		1,402.50		

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Schools - Equip. - Kitchen & Field School	3,100.00		3,100.00		
Schools - Field Sch. - Arch. & Engineering	3,720.00		3,720.00		
Schools - Field School Renovations	83,470.76		83,470.76		
Schools - H.S./M.S. Arch. & Eng.	2,082.50		2,082.50		
Schools - Remodeling & Extraord. Repairs	23,100.00		23,100.00		
Schools - Computers	1,695.00		1,695.00		
Schools - Fire Alarm & P.A. System	1,341.88		1,341.88		
Water Mains	170,879.75		170,879.75		
Police & Fire Station Roofs	396.50		396.50		
Highway Garage Roof	61.00		61.00		
Highway - Street Sweeper	3,748.50		3,748.50		
Highway - Sidewalk Snowblower	2,066.76		2,066.76		
Elderly Housing - Elevators	11,609.00		11,609.00		
Elderly Housing - Brook School	22,680.00		22,680.00		
Elderly Housing - Sewer System	5,705.00		5,705.00		
Central Fire Station	10,920.00		10,920.00		
Fire Dept. Ambulance	1,059.38		1,059.38		
Land Acquisition - Case Estate	108,800.00		108,800.00		
New Library	165,541.51		165,541.51		
Refuse Transfer Facility	84,753.00		84,753.00		
Landfill Closure	48,796.50		48,796.50		
Tennis Court Lights	762.50		762.50		
Tennis Courts Reconstruction	6,270.00		6,270.00		
Memorial Pool Reconstruction	26,978.00		26,978.00		
Computer Hardware	4,421.50		4,421.50		
Computer Software	3,056.00		3,056.00		
Bond Anticipation Notes	169,214.58		73,136.70		96,077.88
Tax Anticipation Notes	30,000.00		22,783.56		7,216.44
Total Interest on Debt	1,008,475.87	-	905,181.55	-	103,294.32
Maturing Debt					
Schools - Energy	31,500.00		31,500.00		
Schools - Athletic Facility	40,000.00		40,000.00		
Schools - Bus Garage	15,000.00		15,000.00		
Schools - Remodeling & Extraord. Repairs	100,000.00		100,000.00		
Schools - Fire Alarm & P.A. System	23,750.00		23,750.00		

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION OR FUND

School Kitchen & Field Sch. Equipment

Field School Arch. & Eng. Services

Field School Renovations

Schools - H.S./M.S. Arch. & Eng.

School Computers

Water Mains

Elderly Housing - Brook School

Brook School Housing - Elevators

Brook School Housing - Sewage

Police & Fire Station Roofs

Highway Garage Roof

Highway - Street Sweeper

Highway - Sidewalk Snowblower

Central Fire Station

Fire Dept. Ambulance

Land Acquisition - Case Estate

New Library

Refuse Transfer Facility

Landfill Closure

Tennis Court Lights

Tennis Courts Reconstruction

Memorial Pool Reconstruction

Computer Hardware

Computer Software

Total of Maturing Debt

Reserve Fund

Reserve Fund

Total Reserve Fund

Total General Fund

APPROPRIATIONS FY 1997 & BALANCES July-1-1996	TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND	EXPENDED DURING FY 1997	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO FY 1998	TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE FY 1997
25,000.00		25,000.00		
30,000.00		30,000.00		
92,000.00		92,000.00		
10,000.00		10,000.00		
10,000.00		10,000.00		
257,500.00		257,500.00		
120,000.00		120,000.00		
46,000.00		46,000.00		
10,000.00		10,000.00		
3,000.00		3,000.00		
2,000.00		2,000.00		
18,000.00		18,000.00		
13,000.00		13,000.00		
195,000.00		195,000.00		
18,750.00		18,750.00		
170,000.00		170,000.00		
202,500.00		202,500.00		
122,000.00		122,000.00		
101,000.00		101,000.00		
5,000.00		5,000.00		
30,000.00		30,000.00		
44,000.00		44,000.00		
20,000.00		20,000.00		
20,000.00		20,000.00		
1,775,000.00		1,775,000.00		
	(279,617.00)			20,383.00
300,000.00				20,383.00
300,000.00	(279,617.00)			
45,312,856.48	-	36,438,064.69	8,242,317.59	632,474.20

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Expenditures from Fiscal 1996 Appropriations Carried Forward to Fiscal 1997					
Assessors-Expenses	197.72		59.46		138.26
Assessors-Expert Appraisal	1,465.00		1,249.92		215.08
Treasurer & Collector-Expenses	7,500.00		301.16		7,198.84
Town Hall-Expenses	36.75		36.75		
Brook School Housing-Operation & Maint.	12,542.10		12,542.10		
Insurance & Fringe Benefits	190,000.00				190,000.00
Unclassified	80.00		80.00		
Weston War Memorial Educ. Fund Comm.	40.28		40.28		
Police-Expenses	5,795.00		5,228.35		566.65
Police-Salaries	32,341.08				32,341.08
Fire-Expenses	100.00		95.43		4.57
Inspection Services-Expenses	18,500.00		18,428.00		72.00
Parking Clerk-Expenses	23.40		20.80		2.60
Highways & Bridges-Expenses	42,264.05		41,142.96		1,121.09
Snow & Ice Removal-Expenses	8,700.00				8,700.00
Solid Waste Disposal-Expenses	13,391.00		12,885.00		506.00
Water-Expenses	15,000.00		14,542.39		457.61
Parks & Cemeteries-Expenses	2,200.00		1,932.54		267.46
Conservation Commission-Expenses	154.38		16.11		138.27
Recreation-Expenses	15,364.48		9,578.78		5,685.70
	365,695.24	-	118,180.03	-	247,415.21
Expenditures from Fiscal 1993 Appropriations Carried Forward to Fiscal 1997					
Fire Department - Expenses	791.57			791.57	
	791.57			791.57	
Continuing Balance Accounts					
Audit - Municipal Accounts +	-				500.00
					500.00
Total Prior Fiscal Years	366,486.81	-	118,180.03	791.57	247,915.21

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